

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
February 6, 2004
Manchester, NH

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tomasso, Don Gorman, Dawn Lincoln, Cal Pratt, Karen Pratt, Karl Beisel, Dave Mincin

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Members: Keith Murphy, Adam Rick, Mike Lorrey

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Tomasso.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Gorman made **MOTION** to accept minutes as written; K. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer's Report (Karen Pratt)

- Balances stand at: Operations Accounts: \$769.47, Civic Action Accounts: \$360.83, PAC Accounts: \$900.24.
- Fundraising update:
 - Have been talking about "Monte Carlo" night. K. Pratt spoke about a casino-style gambling program run locally in Nashua and Manchester for non-profit fundraisers; referred to a recent article in Nashua Telegraph.
 - Tomasso asked about typical "take" of casino event – K. Pratt replied that a minimum \$500 was likely, and can hold up to 10 events annually.
 - Gorman commented on number of volunteers; wants to see some new faces amongst volunteer, and suggested a board member be appointed to coordinate volunteers for the casino events.
 - K. Pratt will e-mail BoD regarding information about casino event organizer.
 - A big seminar that non-profits will be held on Feb 23., 9:30-11:30, titled "Raising more Money: Sustainable Funding for your Mission"; K. Pratt plans to attend the event.
 - Tomasso asked about large donors. K. Pratt stated we would have to sit down and determine those potential targeted members.

Membership Director (Dawn Lincoln)

- New membership sign-ups are slow; there are no changes since last report.
- Tomasso noted discussion at last meeting where we discussed getting rid of free membership. Gorman suggested as membership renewals come up, they should be required to pay for membership.

- Tomasso made **MOTION** for BoD to come to next meeting with membership structure ideas, including bylaws. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Volunteer Coordinator (Seth Cohn)

- New web site is in place, with many new and useful features, some of which were described (phone trees, surveys, status reports, etc.). Website is now live on nhliberty.org.
- Mincin asked someone to take over NHLA's 'info' e-mail list; but will continue receiving it.
- Cohn asked everyone to e-mail him about things we need regarding web site features.
- Beisel suggested sending out paper newsletters in mail because the perceived value of an e-mail is low.
- Gorman noted that the NHLA needs people to hold signs in March, etc., a grand opportunity to use members.
- Tomasso talked about broadening demographics, and making sure we're not only recruiting from Republicans and Libertarians.

Civic Action Director (Dave Mincin)

- Mincin passed out proposal for Civic Action mission statement.
- Projects and Focus:
 - Make a list of all charities that don't take government money.
 - Establish an infrastructure of Civic Action volunteers.
 - Focus on children's and elderly charities.
- Looking for areas for team leaders in seacoast, valley and Keene areas.
- Looking at down the road: give 5 hours, but not organized enough yet to do it.
- Gorman suggested volunteering with the PTA at high and junior high schools.
- Mincin gave an update of Hampton zoning issue. Next zoning board meeting Feb. 17.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- C. Pratt passed out list of bills and their ratings as determined by the "triage" mailing list.
- Tomasso asked if good bill gets on CC, should we pull it? Gorman replied an emphatic No.
- Discussion of conflicting shampooer licensing bills.
- Discussion of bills on consent calendar and LRC proposed list.
- Cal made **MOTION** to pull HB166 from the consent calendar for 2-9-05 to be sent back to committee. Lincoln seconded. 7-0.
- Lincoln stated that Cathleen Converse will put together spreadsheet of bills and hearings.
- C. Pratt introduced a sample format of "white paper" with questions to answer. Discussion.
- Keith Murphy discussed legislation/testimony, and presented a handout on proposed session procedures, and described it.

- Tomasso made **MOTION** to appoint Keith Murphy as the legislative coordinator to. Gorman asked what coordinator did. Murphy replied that he would shepherd the bills by evaluation, priority, committee, testimony, written and spoken, send out e-mails, getting people involved, etc. Motion passed 7-0.
- Beisel mentioned rating capability of GeneralCourt.org
- Tomasso noted need to appoint subject area experts.

Political Action Director (Don Gorman):

- Report of field trip to LOB/state house was reported.
 - Seminars have gone well.
 - Is looking for new faces for participation.
- Election Filings: incredible response so far, but does not know how many have actually filed.
- Wants to go over to the Seacoast Porcupines meeting and help people get involved in elections and testimony.
- Wants to get people out to help candidates for the March elections.
- Lincoln suggested another LOB field trip on Thursday, February 17th.
- Lincoln asked if people should launch write-in campaign for no-run positions in towns, and Gorman agreed, yes. Discussion.
- Mincin asked about NHLA's role in the Unity zoning issue. Gorman stated he is reluctant to get too involved in local issues.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Recommended that the NHLA sign off on "The Failure of Gun Control" report. Gorman made **MOTION** to sign off on it. Mincin 2nded. Discussion. 6-0, with Lincoln abstaining. Handout on computer room notes.
- Is working with various groups (LP, CNHT, etc.) on voter fraud and related issues.
- Recommended making an effort not to identify ourselves with FSP or LP.
- Asked people to check bios for website and year in review
- Election of Political Director in March.

Old & New Business

- Gorman made **MOTION** to announce GeneralCourt.org; K. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Liberty Dinner Update:
 - To be held at Plymouth State University
 - Ron Paul will be there, and Gov. John Lynch will be invited. Gorman will talk to Rep. Jeb Bradley.
 - Will be selling more tables at reduced discount.

MOTION to adjourn. Gorman seconded. Adjourn 6:16pm
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel