

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
June 5, 2005
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: Joel Rauch, Roger Richard, Phil Hodson

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:21 p.m. by Tomasso.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Lincoln made **MOTION** to accept April minutes as amended. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Treasurer's Report (Karen Pratt)

- K. Pratt handed out treasury numbers.
- Starting to get more donations.
- 58 paid or confirmed for Liberty Dinner, but none are legislators. Tomasso to talk to Paul Mirski about HRA members' attendance. Tomasso requested that Keith Murphy e-mail an update on the Liberty Dinner invitations and status. Tomasso suggested contacting those with tables to ask if they would like to sit with an 'A' representative.
- K. Pratt suggested an online fundraising giveaway, i.e. an iPod, to encourage donations.
- Debbie O'Neil, volunteer coordinator of the NH International Speedway, has confirmed us to work on that day with 20 volunteers.
- K. Pratt handed out fisher cats fundraising flyer listing various fundraising options. With 5 people, they will guarantee \$425 for selling programs.
- Tomasso suggested a social at the Fisher Cats game to encourage 25 people to attend. Gorman questioned the wisdom of doing this event considering the situation with Karl Beisel not being allowed to petition there. K. Pratt will look further into this opportunity.
- No news on the Monte Carlo event until after the Liberty Dinner.
- Mincin made a **MOTION** to table the discussion of Fisher Cats opportunity. K. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Lincoln made a **MOTION** to accept the treasurer's report. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Some election reform bills have been retained by committee pending further investigation. Legislators are looking for input.
- Tomasso was on the radio about the report card and Liberty Dinner, among other things. Interview is posted to web site.
- Tomasso stated he would like to get this interviewer an interview with Ron Paul.

Membership (Dawn Lincoln)

- There are currently 254 members, 136 of who are in New Hampshire residents.
- Tomasso is getting a quote on circular pins, and getting in touch with Mary Ruwark for her books for premium memberships.

Civic Action (Dave Mincin)

- Received information from 2 people on volunteer list. Information on soup kitchens and YMCA. Mincin suggested that this effort might not be worth it due to the effort required for the result. Edi Swearingen, Cathleen Converse and Kathy van Wyk have all volunteered. Mincin will talk to them about going the route of actually volunteering for charities.
- Adopt-a-Highway should be running this month. It will be on Rt. 4 between Concord and Seacoast.
- Mincin stated he would give another month to non-profit research before ending it.

Political Action (Don Gorman)

- Looking for ideas for the introduction of new bills for the next legislative session, and also wants to have a seminar for those thinking about running for the state house.
- Bill suggestions:
 - Tomasso: a bill for equalizing ballot access; would cut signature requirements to about 1/3 and gives candidate the option of paying to get on the ballot, and to make partisan elections optional.
 - C. Pratt: a study committee to look into business regulatory practices.
 - Gorman: a bill that suggests that any new laws have automatic sunset provisions.
 - Beisel: a bill to eliminate high school/GED requirements for some licensed professionals.
 - Seth Cohn: bill to encourage the use of open source software in government agencies.
 - Tomasso: for-profit private schools exempted from business taxes.
 - Gorman: enabling legislation to allow \$1000 tax exemption for home school parents.
 - Lincoln: opt out of No Child Left Behind
 - Lincoln: eliminate requirement to have superintendent sign working papers of students going to work. (Roger Richards pointed out this is a Federal law)
 - Beisel: a bill dealing with electronic public records being distributed at

high fees.

- Gorman: Real ID Act nullification.
- Gorman expressed concern about how the interim report card was released, and wants to make sure that the Board is following protocol. Expressed concern that the report card was incomplete, and that it unnecessarily upset many people; that the Board did not authorize its release.
- Tomasso asked if Gorman wanted to conduct a city candidates training, to which Gorman agreed.
- HB 406 update: Bill was kept 3 weeks in committee for a “technical change”. Some members of the committee didn’t know about the amendments, a violation of Senate rules. Gorman will meet with senators tomorrow, and the situation is likely to be taken care of. Beisel asked if we should each contact our Senators; Gorman stated yes.
- Gorman made a MOTION that we endorse Ted Gatsas’s educational funding plan, and write an op ed for the UL. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Two special elections coming up: Hillsborough and Goffstown.
- Homeschooling presentation at LOB is dead for the year.
- Beisel updated status of spending cap charter amendment in Manchester.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- Minimum wage bill died in the Senate.
- C. Pratt handed out list of proposed report card bills, followed by extended discussion.
- Gorman made a MOTION to table the report card discussion. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Old/New Business

- Liberty Dinner
 - Tomasso will ask for an update by e-mail for the Liberty Dinner. Gorman suggested a written report from Keith Murphy.
- Outreach
 - Tomasso stated that he thought Suzanne Hudson was a possibility for Outreach Coordinator, and asked if anyone else knows someone who might be interested.
 - Received good media results with report card, plus media interviews. Gardner Goldsmith and Taxpayer Radio both had us on.
 - Plymouth Taxpayers want someone interested in privatization. C. Pratt expressed interest.
 - Outreach tables at CNHT annual picnic and PorcFest.
 - Outreach at Freedom Summit on June 25 and 26.
- Next Meeting is July 10.
- Gorman made a MOTION to adjourn. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjourn 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel