

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
March 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, Seth Cohn, Chris Lopez

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Tomasso.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Gorman made **MOTION** to accept minutes as written; C. 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.
- Help needed in making daytime phone calls to casino organizers (two or three calls); Don Gorman volunteered to make calls.
- Beginning to see donations for the liberty dinner:
 - Deposit has been made for the dinner hall.
 - Gorman stated he would like to make a special note of anyone who buys a whole table.
- Fundraising option discussion; three options are being worked on: Monte Carlo night, casino night, and vending at the speedway.
- Beisel asked about the use of PAC money for political contributions voted on by e-mail last week; K. Pratt replied that the money has not yet been dispersed.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to accept Treasurer's Report. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Stated that the organization needs to organize tasks better, and do better with scheduling, communication, and with recognizing various deadlines.
- Need to get PAC money out in a more timely manner.
- Opened brief discussion about authorized NHLA speakers, and in which context speakers and board members may speak for the NHLA.
- Political Action Director election is coming up. There are two nominees: Don Gorman and Russell Kanning. Tomasso will contact Russell Kanning to make

sure he wishes to run for that position.

- Voting can now be done by mail or electronically via the web site. Web site is capable of making sure votes are from legitimate members. Seth Cohn noted that electronic voting is required by the NHLA bylaws; consensus was reached that the Secretary will be responsible for verifying electronic votes.
- For the purpose of the Political Action Director election, the current membership list is locked.
- Tomasso asked about bylaws amendment proposals. There were none.

Civic Action Director (Dave Mincin)

- Three people have volunteered so far for determining all non-profits in the state that do not accept government money.
- Seth Cohn stated that all non-profits making over a certain amount of money must disclose where they get their money, including from government; suggested purchasing filtered list for \$130 in order to save work. Gorman made MOTION to table this discussion, because he does not believe the organization has the manpower or money to effectively contribute to these organizations. Mincin expressed concern that this would result in no action on this project. After further discussion, C. Pratt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- Hampton update: ZBA meeting took place on Feb. 17, where the ZBA urged the building inspector to work with the homeowner to resolve issues. Keith Murphy presented two ideas: a write-in candidacy for Myrtle, and also a volunteer group to help them correct the building code violations.

Membership Director (Dawn Lincoln)

- Added members without e-mail addresses to the web site members database; suggests using only the web site database to track members instead of maintaining the information in two places.
- There are currently 232 members, 124 of who are in New Hampshire residents; Two people have cancelled their memberships.
- Does not recommend any changes to the membership structure.
- Seth Cohn noted that the response to the phone tree idea has been poor, and may not work well for the time being.
- Gorman suggested getting new members at the Porcupine Festival.
- Gorman asked about literature to hand out at the polls; Lincoln showed the tri-fold that she had developed.

Political Action Director (Don Gorman):

- Results of state house field trips have been successful. Next field trip is planned for March 10, which will include the detailed analysis of a bill and actual testimony.
- Wants to work toward getting a homeschooling presentation before HB406 is heard.
- Keith Murphy asked for volunteers to testify before various committees on bills of interest.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- C. Pratt suggested that next year's bill triage be broken up by committee.
- Seth Cohn noted that the triage had been converted into a spreadsheet by Cathleen Converse.
- C. Pratt gave initial recommendations for the 2005 Liberty Report Card: CACR2, CACR4, CACR9, HB54, HB136, HB165, and HB238.
- Introduced a simplified list of bill evaluation criteria. Beisel suggested that alternative criteria embodying the NHLA's core values be used; C. Pratt asked for suggestions after meeting.
- Introduced example white papers for HB406 and two other bills.

Old & New Business

- Liberty Dinner Update:
 - 12 people purchased tickets so far.
 - Received verbal commitments from 60 people.
 - Seth Cohn noted the possibility of the attendance of Michael Badnarik, and his presentation of his U.S. Constitution course.
 - Governor Lynch has been asked to attend, but has made no commitment yet.
- Outreach and publicity:
 - Tomasso stated that he is working on securing a display table at the Freedom Summit.
 - Tomasso is working on getting a membership meeting for this spring.

*Lincoln made **MOTION** to adjourn. C. Pratt seconded. Adjourn 7:30pm
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel*