

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Chair Rich Tomasso.

Present were Denis Goddard, Research; Don Gorman, Political Action; Carol McGuire, Treasurer; Dave Mincin, Civic Action; Dawn Lincoln; Jon Bender. Karl Beisel and Keith Murphy, Membership, showed up shortly.

Susanne Hudson, Secretary, was absent due to a death in the family. McGuire agreed to take minutes and gave a verbal report on financial status.

Moved, seconded and passed to suspend the reading of minutes and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

The rules were suspended for a discussion of personnel matters.

Civic Action: Mincin reported that not enough volunteers were available to work the September 17<sup>th</sup> NASCAR race, so the fundraising effort was cancelled. The road cleanup has been performed on schedule.

Deerfield Fair: Gorman reported that we earned \$37 from the sale of shirts and pins. He has the shirts; GONH has the pins but he will recover them. No membership application forms, report cards, or tri-folds are left.

Chair: Tomasso presented a bylaws change to set the officers' term expirations in a staggered fashion. He accepted a suggestion to move the election for the chair to even years, out of phase with the political action director. The change was moved, seconded and passed, and held for ratification next meeting.

Goddard proposed a bylaw change to create a standing merchandise committee, reporting to the Treasurer. After discussion, he withdrew the bylaw change and moved that the Board resolve that:

the Treasurer is responsible to maintain a par inventory of NHLA merchandise, promotional materials and literature, par to be determined by the Treasurer.

This resolution was seconded and passed.

Gorman proposed a bylaws change to delete section 2.2, which states that basic membership is free. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to table this change.

Membership: Murphy reported that we now have 364 members in the database, of whom 207 are current, 157 expired. He has sent out over 200 letters reminding people to renew, with another batch to follow this week. 30 new members have signed up in the last month. Membership cards will be sent out before the end of the month.

Political Action: Gorman reported that 12 "members" running for State Representative had contested primaries, and 7 won them. Of the 122 endorsed candidates for the State House, 111 won in the primary. The endorsements were discussed, since at least one current rep scored 100% on the survey but scored a D this session. There was also confusion as the endorsement list is not complete, since not every candidate was sent a survey.

Moved, seconded and passed to direct Murphy to send a survey to every challenger, and have them send the responses to Gorman rather than the PO Box. Discussion clarified that Gorman would issue the endorsements in late October, after checking with Goddard on their actual performance. The endorsement criteria continue to be earning an A or B, or 80% in the survey.

Moved, seconded and passed to ask JP Perry to return our contribution, since he moved from his House district prior to the primary. McGuire will send him a letter asking for it.

Moved, seconded and passed to send \$100 to each A-rated representative who is running for reelection, and \$200 each to these NHLA activists: Karl Beisel, Jon Bender, Don Gorman, Dave Mincin, Keith Murphy, and Joel Winters.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.