

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)  
October 2, 2005  
Manchester, NH**

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Don Gorman, Dawn Lincoln, Cal Pratt, Karen Pratt, Karl Beisel, Dave Mincin, Richard Tomasso [arrived late]

**Also Present:** Jon Bender

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Dawn Lincoln.

*Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)*

- K. Pratt made **MOTION** to accept September minutes as submitted. C. Pratt seconded. Lincoln noted grammatical and technical changes. Motion to accept minutes as amended passed 6-0.

*Treasurer's Report (Cal Pratt for Karen Pratt)*

- Has not received check from Raceway, and so does not know the final amount.
- Operations: \$801.90, Civic Action: \$465.83, PAC: \$3,796.24.
- Comparison of Liberty Dinner results from last year: Had 162 in attendance this year, and 135 in 2004. Earned \$3,190 for PAC this year, and \$2,300 in 2004.
- Mincin asked about the breakdown of people who attended Liberty Dinner, to better understand how many were from the FSP/PorcFest. Noted his desire to further disassociate the NHLA from the FSP. K. Pratt stated that such numbers were not available.
- Beisel made **MOTION** to accept the treasurer's report. C. Pratt seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

*Chair's Report (Dawn Lincoln for Rich Tomasso)*

- C. Pratt made **MOTION** to suspend rules and postpone election for one week for the Secretary's position. Gorman seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Pratt suggested approaching Bill Alleman to take over webmaster duties. Gorman made the **MOTION** as such. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

*Membership (Dawn Lincoln)*

- There are currently 283 members, 164 of who are in New Hampshire residents.
- Gorman noted that there are 20 to 25 new members who signed up at the Deerfield Fair.
- Gorman requested that the NHLA tri-fold brochure be changed so that the membership application can be torn off (the current tri-fold has the application in the middle).
- Gorman reported that the Deerfield Fair was a success and effective at getting

NHLA's message out to many.

*Civic Action (Dave Mincin)*

- Noted a special thank-you for Chris Lopez, who refused her tip at the volunteer recognition dinner after the race day event.
- A total of 24 volunteers attended the race day event.
- Reported that the Racetrack operators were unsure about the dependability of the NHLA volunteers, but now they know.
- Suggested that future volunteer opportunities be more kid-friendly.
- C. Pratt made **MOTION** to put Mincin in charge of a Fisher Cats charity event. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Mincin described proposal for Alternative Education and Healthcare Fair. C. Pratt suggested a committee to develop this event, and made **MOTION** to table until the next meeting. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

*Political Action (Don Gorman)*

- Regarding the Deerfield Fair, noted that we did not have the coordination we should have, and didn't push it as strongly because of the race day effort the prior weekend. Everyone but two of the volunteers showed up. The deposit for the booth for next year is in, and must be fully paid by June 1 of next year.
- Reported a positive reception for the NHLA Report Card at the Fair.
- Reported working well with GO-NH and the Fish and Game booth next door.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to give \$300 to Dave Mincin for Dover City Council. Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gorman made motion to give Albert Abramson for Selectman \$100. C. Pratt seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to give Keith Murphy for Selectman \$50. Lincoln seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Karl Beisel for School Board was offered a contribution, but he refused it.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to give Seth Cohn for School Board \$100. Lincoln seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to give \$100 to Norm Bernier for School Board. Mincin seconded. Passed 7-0.
- K. Pratt noted that we might have to declare that we oppose or support particular candidates for the 2006 PAC filing.
- Seminar for bill reading scheduled for Nov. 19, 9:30 am at C. Pratt's house.
- Gorman asked that the seminar require a \$10 entry fee.
- C. Pratt made **MOTION** to spend \$250 for the printing of 500 Liberty Report Cards. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gorman made **MOTION** to remove Russell Kanning and Kat Dillon from the organization. Mincin seconded. Gorman stated that he believes they are hurting our candidates, and gave example of FEMA protest coinciding with article about Seth Cohn and Norm Bernier. Extensive discussion. Gorman and Mincin withdrew motion.

*Research Director (Cal Pratt)*

- Discussion about using GeneralCourt.org vs. NHLiberty.org for bill triage and rating. Beisel stated that he would integrate forum and analysis capability into GeneralCourt.org by Nov. 19 for its demonstration at the seminar.
- Beisel described concern about the approval process of contentious bills.
- Lincoln made **MOTION** to give final authority of bill analysis to C. Pratt. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Pratt distributed first page of white paper titled “Government Failure”

*New/Old Business*

- GO-NH dinner went well.
- Tomasso stated that he would like to request help via the newsletter getting help for in-school tutorials.
- K. Pratt made **MOTION** to authorize up to \$300 for the printing and sending of membership renewal notices to members via mail.
- Lincoln made **MOTION** to appoint Jon Bender as the new Volunteer Coordinator. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Beisel made **MOTION** to adjourn. Mincin seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

*Adjourn 8:10 p.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel*