

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
October 3, 2004
Concord, NH**

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tomasso, Michelle Dumas, Karen Pratt, Cal Pratt, Karl Beisel

Absent: Don Gorman

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Members: Dawn Lincoln, Keith Murphy, Mike Lorrey

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Tomasso.
- Reading of meeting minutes from previous meeting skipped.

Treasurer's Report (Karen Pratt):

- Balances stand at: Operations Accounts: \$573.82, Civic Action Accounts: \$294.22, PAC Accounts: \$1,900.24.
- \$40 in recurring monthly donations to NHLA-LSF to be cleared due to LSF's spin-off.
- K. Pratt suggests fundraising letter to wait until after election cycle; discussion.
- K. Pratt suggests a mid-January target for fundraising letter; fundraising efforts to solicit both recurring donations and one-time, issue-specific solicitations.
- Discussion of other fundraising ideas, including a "Casino-Mardi Gras Night" to be held in spring 2005.

Membership Director (Rich Tomasso)

- 198 members total.
- 89 of those members are NH residents.
- C. Pratt stated he will be doing membership outreach at the Derry Taxpayer's group.

Civic Action (Michelle Dumas)

- Working on Adopt-a-Highway sponsorship; looking for recommendations on geographic areas to focus on.
- Discussion of program requirements. Includes:
 - Cleanup 4 times a year on a 2 mile stretch of road.
 - One person required to take safety class to be Safety Coordinator (Dave Mincin had volunteered for this).
- Discussion Adopt-a-Highway action details (t-shirts, vests, etc.).

Research (Cal Pratt)

- Legislator Report Card now has individual votes color-coded to make it easier to determine pro- and anti-liberty votes.
- Suggests printing only those Report Cards for which there are volunteers to distribute.
- Discussion of survey and various change suggestions.
- Discussion of survey mailing; consensus that it should be mailed this week.
- Discussion of volunteers to distribute Report Cards before and on election day.

Old Business

- Acquired 8 new members at the Deerfield Fair
- Sold 5 t-shirts for a total of \$50.
- Keith Murphy suggested a blown-up Report Card poster for next year.
- Beisel suggests a PC-operated Report Card printer for specific districts.
- Tomasso asked to make sure booth volunteers are on the NHLA's volunteer list.
- Discussion of election method for BoD; Murphy suggests chemistry is important. Issue tabled after further discussion.
- Discussion of planning for Membership Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 9.;
 - Tomasso suggested e-mail and postcard notification, or even phone calls.
 - Tomasso noted the following needs: agenda, year-in-review for the press and general public. Tomasso volunteered to put together agenda.
 - Date and time set for Saturday, Oct. 9 and noon, Manchester Library auditorium.
- Mike Lorrey suggests organizing a clay-shooting celebrity event to raise money for NHLA and other friendly organizations.
- Discussion of non-active advisors – should they continue to be subscribed to the BoD e-mail list? Discussion.

New Business

- Tomasso noted that the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union hosting a Bill of Rights Dinner on Nov. 9; no action taken.
- Tomasso noted the following regarding the NHLA web site:
 - Need for better mailing list capability
 - Would like to move it elsewhere due to difficulty of modifying capabilities.
- Rich Tomasso submits resignation as Membership Director.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to appoint Dawn Lincoln to complete remainder of term as Membership Director. Motion carries unanimously 5-0.
- Murphy noted preliminary details on 2005 Liberty Dinner:
 - July 30th possible date

- Asks for ideas on possible venues; “The Common Man” in Plymouth is suggested.
 - Trying to get Ron Paul and LEAP to attend as speakers.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to authorize direct donation of \$100 each to candidates scoring an ‘A’ on the Legislator Report Card, and if they are running and won their primaries. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to authorize Don Gorman, as Political Director, \$500 from PAC account to spend on strategic races, with full accounting within 2 weeks. Beisel seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- Tomasso made **MOTION** to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel