

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
September 4, 2005
Manchester, NH**

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tomasso, Don Gorman, Dawn Lincoln, Cal Pratt, Karl Beisel, Dave Mincin

Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Tomasso.

Secretary's Report (Dawn Lincoln for Karl Beisel)

- Mincin made **MOTION** to accept August minutes as submitted. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report (Cal Pratt for Karen Pratt)

- Operations: \$560.90, Civic Action: \$465.83, PAC: \$3,796.23. Total: \$4,822.97.
- Brief discussion on the Liberty Dinner costs/profits.
- Lincoln made **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Pratt noted that we are still looking for a fundraising candidates; Tomasso will put the request in the next e-blast.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Started legislator information database, in order that we can add experiences and notes on individual legislators. It is available on the Yahoo groups website.
- Wrote draft fundraising letter.
- Took nominations for NHLA Secretary. Karl Beisel, Chris Lopez, Suzanne Hudson, Jen Coffey, Catherine van Wyk, and Mike Pelletier were nominated.

Membership (Dawn Lincoln)

- There are currently 286 members, 161 of who are in New Hampshire residents.
- Lincoln is volunteering to do a monthly newsletter by e-mail.
- Discussion about web site, that it was sometimes difficult to use and navigate. Tomasso suggested that Seth conduct a walk-through of the web site.
- Lincoln requested that the web site notify her by e-mail when a new member joins.
- Lincoln proposed a membership card, containing the phrase "Member Since..."
- C. Pratt made **MOTION** to change basic membership to \$10. Gorman seconded. Tomasso stated that a bylaws change was required to do so. Lincoln objected because we recently agreed to the free membership earlier in the year.
- Discussion on what members receive. Gorman suggested membership card,

welcome letter, history and a write-up about board members, discount on various events and legislative news.

- Lincoln tasked with putting together a fundraising letter and membership card and renewal information.
- C. Pratt and Gorman withdrawal motion to raise basic membership fee.

Civic Action (Dave Mincin)

- Lincoln stated that she believes the charities research project is wasted effort. Mincin and Gorman concur. Beisel made MOTION to drop all present and future work on the charities research project. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Mincin asked Lincoln to thank by name all volunteers in the monthly newsletter.
- Mincin made MOTION to donate t-shirts to volunteers for adopt-a-highway, which would be taken from the Civic Action fund. Mincin stated that they would only get one shirt, not another for each volunteer effort. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Health and Education Fair planning would occur sometime after the race day event.
- Race Day Event orientation will occur on Sept. 8, 6-8 pm. Race Day Event will take place on Sept. 18 at 5:30pm.

- All paperwork is in for Adopt-a-Highway, and we're waiting for them to print up the sign.
- Tomasso suggested contacting the Liberty Ladies about coordinating to sponsor a health and education fair to benefit Jen's group and the Liberty Scholarship Fund.

Political Action (Don Gorman)

- Candidate Training Seminar to be held on Sept. 10; will be asking for donations, but otherwise is free.
- Beisel talked about status of the spending cap charter amendment in Manchester.
- Gorman asked that volunteers for committee tracking be at the training seminar.
- Tomasso asked Gorman about bill to repeal gas tax; Gorman stated that there would be such an effort.

Research Director (Cal Pratt)

- Gorman and C. Pratt met with HRA on how the NHLA can help them.
- Volunteers will watch particular House committees; provided handout listing each committee volunteer, followed by extensive discussion.
- Discussion of integrating GeneralCourt.org and value-weighted checklist for bill analysis.
- Described white paper on public vs. private choices.

New/Old Business

- Working to get more publicity for liberty ratings.
- C. Pratt stated that he was not sure what the Plymouth Taxpayers group wants

- with regards to Fire Dept. privatization.
- GO-NH dinner scheduled for Sept. 17. Filled up NHLA table.
 - Gorman asked if anyone else wants to go, to fill up another table.
 - Constitution Day Dinner Sept. 25
 - Third Party Conference Oct. 14-16.
 - Volunteer Needs:
 - Sept. 18 Race Day Event (Civic Action)
 - Tomasso looking for volunteer to take media database and place it on a spreadsheet.
 - Deerfield Fair Sept. 29-30, Oct 1-2.
 - Tomasso made **MOTION** to adjourn. Lincoln seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel