

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for November 05, 2007

1. Call To Order

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:42 PM November 05, 2007 in Concord, NH

2. Roll Call

- (a) NHLA Secretary Suzanne Hudson conducted roll call. (The board members that were present have an asterisk to the left of their name):

* Dawn Lincoln (Chairman)		* Denis Goddard (Research)
* Dan Itse (Political Action)		* Carol McGuire (Treasurer)
* Jon Bender (Membership)		* Suzanne Hudson (Secretary)
* Shuvom Ghose (Civic Action)		

- (b) Quorum: Yes
(c) Other members present:

3. Open Action Items

- (a) Ghose and Goddard to meet to fine tune data for next report card
(b) Goddard and McGuire to look for "votes by district" excel spreadsheets years 2006, 2007 for Itse.
(c) Ghose will make a template in Word and get it to Bender.
(d) Ghose to ask Llainia about designing a new T-shirt for NHLA
(e) Goddard and Itse to get together for a one on one to discuss bill review process before training session (date set, Dec. 02)
(f) Ghose to make an example of rep vote mailing for a mock run
(g) Hudson to prepare press release for this March Bike Event.

4. Secretary's Report-Suzanne Hudson

- (a) McGuire moves to accept minutes of 10/01/07. Bender seconds. Motion carries.
i. Hudson to amend minutes by adding the text of the proposed by-law change
(b) Newsletter Item: encourage membership to write letters to the editor (Hudson)

5. New Business

(a) Treasurer's Report- Carol McGuire

- i. Goddard makes motion to accept treasurer's report 10/01/07. Bender seconds, motion carries.
ii. McGuire moves to give(up to \$100.00 of net dollars from the constitution class to the Reagan Network as a donation for use of the room for the class. Goddard seconds, motion carries.
iii. Fund raising:
A. No recent opportunities for fund raising. NHLA will have a 50/50 raffle at Liberty Forum as well as be selling merchandise.
B. McGuire will contact LF organizers and ask what we need to do to get a raffle license.
iv. Liberty Forum Sponsorship
A. Goddard makes a motion to spend up to \$500.00 to be a sponsor at the Liberty Forum. McGuire seconds, motion carries.

(b) Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln

- i. LA Report Card
 - A. Lincoln suggests merging the Liberty Rating into a single document. **McGuire will work on merging the documents using Publisher.**
- ii. Article 2 Bylaws Change *see bottom of minutes
 - A. Goddard makes a motion to approve By Laws change to Article 2. Itse seconds, motion carries. Lincoln opposed.

(c) Membership Report-Jon Bender

- i. total 480, current 352, expired 128
- ii. Membership Database
 - A. Reoccurring names still turning up in Database.
- iii. Membership Cards
 - A. Ghose will retry emailing Bender the template for membership cards. Ghose will also upload membership card to NHLA website.
- iv. Membership List
 - A. **There needs to be a means to designate form of membership ie. paid/lifetime/basic...Action Item Bender**
- v. Membership Join Date
 - A. **Goddard will fix membership date entry bug**

(d) Political Action Report- Dan Itse

- i. Constitution Class
 - A. **Goddard will take action item to contact LF coordinator to schedule a time for the constitution class**
 - B. Itse to get copies of the NH Constitution
- ii. Bill Review
 - A. Bills are in and awaiting committee assignment.
 - B. Goddard and Itse will coordinate a date by phone for a bill review training session
 - C. McGuire suggests using the Hooksett library.
- iii. NHLA mailings by district
 - A. Make the legislator's NHLA Liberty Rating grade part of the mailing and give a few examples of their votes to show how they earned the NHLA grade.
 - B. Ghose will use Epsom as the town for the mock run.

(e) Research Report- Denis Goddard

- i. State House Training Session
 - A. Executive Session State House training session 9:45 how a bill becomes law
- ii. Liberty Forum Sessions
 - A. It would be great to have someone speak on the structure of the NH government.
 - B. Mock Hearing
 - C. January 03, 2008
 - D. Find out about reserving the bottom of the Barley House for after hearing drinks
 - E. redress of grievances bill to use as mock committee hearing bill
 - F. **Itse take action item to reserve a room at the State House**
 - G. **Itse will find out the details of the constitutional course**
- iii. Liberty Advocate
 - A. What sort of things can people do to help?
 - B. Items to become an advocate to be written up by Goddard and Lincoln.
 - C. Itse to write up how a bill becomes law

(f) **Civic Action Report-Shuvom Ghose**

- i. March Bike Event
 - A. Contact Dan Philbrick and ask if he's willing to help in any manner. (Owner?)
 - B. Ghose to contact Cliff Newton

(g) Old Business

- i. Put bumper sticker contest in newsletter (Action Item Hudson)
- ii. Liberty Dinner
 - A. Discussion about having the Liberty Dinner at Gunstock during Porcfest.
 - B. Important to have Dinner in a convenient central area. Concord area fits the bill.
 - C. McGuire suggest Belmont and wonders if the racetrack is an option.
 - D. McGuire will share these ideas with Chris Lopez.
 - E. Liberty Dinner will be held on a Thursday evening. Lincoln will ask PorcFest organizer Rich Goldman if they could have nothing planned to compete with LD event. Also ask if they have a bus for the week for field trips and if the LD could be the Thursday PM destination.
 - F. Speaker suggestions include businessman like Dean Kamen (segway) or someone like Ron Paul or Michael Badnarik

(h) Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM
- ii. Next NHLA Board Meeting Monday December 03, 2007 at 134 North Main Street Concord, NH

*Original Article 2

Article Two - Members

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2.2 Basic membership in the NHLA shall always be free, although the Board may create additional paid levels of membership.

2.3 Memberships shall be for the term of two years. At the end of each member's term he or she shall be contacted and asked to renew his or her membership.

2.4 There will be an annual meeting of the NHLA membership. A fee may be charged for attending this meeting, as determined by a resolution of the Board.

2.5 A member may be removed from the NHLA by a unanimous vote of the board of directors.

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*Amended Article 2

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2.3 Full membership in the NHLA shall be an additional paid level of membership in addition to Basic Membership.

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2.3.2 Full Membership in the NHLA shall entitle an individual to vote in NHLA elections and to participate in bill reviews. The Board may resolve to provide additional privilege available to Full Members.

2.4 Memberships shall be for the term of two years. At the end of each member's term he or she shall be contacted and asked to renew his or her membership.

2.5 Lifetime Memberships shall be offered for a fee of not less than \$100 or as determined by resolution of the board. Lifetime members shall enjoy all the privileges available to the highest paid level of membership.

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