

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2009

1. Call To Order

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:40 PM February 2, 2009 in Manchester, NH.

2. Roll Call

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

* Dawn Lincoln (Chairman)		* Jeremy Olson (Research)
* Dan Itse (Political Action)		* Carol McGuire (Treasurer)
Michelle Levell (Membership)		* Steve Villee (Secretary)
* Shuvom Ghose (Vice Chair)		

- (b) Quorum: Yes

3. Secretary's Report-Steve Villee

- (a) Carol moved to accept the minutes of the January 5 meeting. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report-Carol McGuire

- (a) Jeremy relayed two comments about the meet-a-rep event: the food was gone too quickly, and the reps tended to talk to each other rather than mingling with visitors.
- (b) Steve moved to accept the treasurer's reports of December 2008 and January 2009. Shuvom seconded. The motion carried.

5. Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln

- (a) Elections will be held in April for two positions: Secretary and Vice Chair.

6. Membership Director's Report-Michelle Levell

- (a) Michelle was not present. However, she reported earlier that there are 784 regular members (up 26 from last month), plus 13 lifetime members.
- (b) By observing bounces when sending out the newsletter, Jeremy has collected a list of about 100 members whose email addresses are bad. When time permits, he will try to find the correct email addresses for these members.
- (c) Michelle has composed a template for NHLA business cards.

7. Political Action Director's Report-Dan Itse

- (a) The how-to-testify training session was poorly attended. It was mostly board members, with

few actual trainees.

- (b) During the afternoon session before the meet-a-rep event, both Dan and Carol were tied up in committee meetings, so no one was available to lead the group around the state house.
- (c) The group decided to have another training session at the state house on Wednesday, February 11. People will meet at the cafeteria at 10, tour the state house, sit in on a few hearings, have lunch at 11:30 somewhere nearby, then return for the homeschooling bill hearings at 1.
- (d) There was an extensive discussion of which issues the NHLA won't touch or shouldn't touch.
 - i. We will avoid the issue of abortion, because people disagree as to whether it infringes on the rights of the unborn.
 - ii. We will avoid the issue of assisted suicide, because people disagree as to whether it infringes on the rights of physicians who don't want to participate in ending life.
 - iii. We will avoid the issue of gay marriage, because people disagree as to whether it infringes on the rights of those who define "marriage" as between a man and a woman.

8. Research Director's Report-Jeremy Olson

- (a) Mark Warden is planning a bill review party at his house, immediately following the Merrimack Valley Porcupines meeting on Saturday the 7th. Training will be provided for anyone who needs it.
- (b) Jeremy has added a word count feature to the bill review system. The count excludes anything before "in the year of our lord", and excludes fiscal notes, so it should be a fair measure of how much actual text is in the bill.
- (c) It would be helpful to have an easy way to contact members who are interested in a specific issue, e.g., horse licensing. Jeremy will add a way for members to indicate their favorite issues in their profile, and Shuvom will put this information into a searchable database.

9. Old Business

- (a) Shuvom discussed the Liberty Dinner. He wants to choose a speaker who will appeal to both Democrats and Republicans. Dan suggested Mark Steyn.

10. New Business

- (a) Carol moved that the NHLA purchase a table at the Liberty Forum. Dan seconded. The motion carried.
- (b) The next meeting will be on March 2.

11. Adjournment

- (a) Carol moved to adjourn the meeting. Dawn seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.