

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2009

**1. Call To Order**

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:35 PM March 16, 2009 in Concord, NH.

**2. Roll Call**

- (a) NHLA Secretary Steve Vilee 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 Vilee (Secretary)
* Shuvom Ghose (Vice Chair)		

- (b) Quorum: Yes  
(c) Other members present: about 35 people

**3. Secretary's Report-Steve Vilee**

- (a) Michelle moved to accept the minutes of the February 2 meeting. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried.

**4. Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln**

- (a) Elections will be held in April for two positions: Secretary and Vice Chair. Mark Warden has accepted Dawn's nomination for Vice Chair. Steve will not be running for Secretary.  
(b) We need to schedule the annual meeting, probably in May or June.

**5. Membership Director's Report-Michelle Levell**

- (a) As of March 1, there were 1567 regular members (up 783 from last month) and 13 lifetime members (unchanged). We gained 515 members just in the 48 hours after Dan appeared on the Glenn Beck show.  
(b) Pam S. has a list of people from the Glenn Beck 912 Project who are meeting Wednesday nights at Murphy's Taproom. They are fired up and eager to do something. Pam is hoping the NHLA can give them some guidance.  
(c) Jeremy is updating the NHLA trifold to fix obsolete links, and to incorporate some ideas from Seth C. on making the trifold sell the organization more effectively.  
(d) Since many of the new members are out of state, Dawn suggested that we point them toward national organizations such as Downsize DC and Campaign for Liberty. Jeremy also suggested the Free State Project.

## **6. Political Action Director's Report-Dan Itse**

- (a) Don Gorman gave a lengthy speech about the HCR6 rally. He made several points:
  - i. The demonstration that happened in the gallery has seriously harmed the reputation of the NHLA, even though the people making the noise may not have been members.
  - ii. As soon as possible, we need to publish a set of guidelines for what is acceptable behavior for our members in the State Capitol.
  - iii. Don feels strongly that we should not open carry at any time in the State Capitol.
- (b) While most people agreed that the shouting in the gallery was rude and inconsiderate, some made a distinction for the recitation of article 10, which they felt was a legitimate protest.
- (c) Many disagreed with the idea that members should not be allowed to open carry at the State Capitol. Bill D. and Joe B. said they would resign from the NHLA if it came to that. Joe said he wants to open carry whenever possible, so that people will come to see it as normal, and not be afraid of it. But others pointed out that to be an effective activist, you need to consider carefully whether open carrying is helping or hurting the message you're trying to convey.

## **7. Research Director's Report-Jeremy Olson**

- (a) There are 82 bills left to be reviewed. Most will not have hearings until after crossover.
- (b) The group discussed the Gold Standard.
  - i. Carol said we need to decide whether the primary purpose of the Gold Standard is to sway votes or to educate the reps. Dawn felt that education is more important.
  - ii. Jeremy said the existing process for composing the Gold Standard is too informal, and suggested a standing committee to take responsibility for it. It was agreed that for now Jeremy will chair the committee, which will include Dan, Carol, Donald M., Denis and several others that Jeremy has in mind.

## **8. Old Business**

- (a) Shuvom discussed the Liberty Dinner.
  - i. He has emailed Justin Raimondo about being the speaker. Another candidate is Glenn Jacobs ("Kane" from WWE).
  - ii. He is looking for a location that can seat 100 people, and doesn't charge too much for the dinner itself.
  - iii. He suggested posting some materials on the wall at the dinner, illustrating the impact of the NHLA.

## **9. New Business**

- (a) Carol volunteered to put together a draft policy on decorum/conduct by next week.
- (b) The next meeting will be on April 6.

## **10. Treasurer's Report-Carol McGuire**

- (a) Dan moved to accept the treasurer's report of February 2009. Jeremy seconded. The motion

carried.

**11. Adjournment**

- (a) Carol moved to adjourn the meeting. Shuvom seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.