

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)
July 7, 2006
Concord, NH**

Board Members:

Present: Don Gorman, Dave Mincin, Karl Beisel, Rich Tomasso, Cal Pratt, Keith Murphy

Also Present: Chris Lopez, Joel Winters

Quorum present? Yes

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:22 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Karl Beisel)

- Gorman made MOTION to accept the minutes, Pratt seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer was not present at the meeting. Gorman expressed concern about her non-presence, noting that she was expected to present the results from the Liberty Dinner. Gorman asked Tomasso to contact her regarding this.

Chair's Report (Rich Tomasso)

- Regarding the presence of non-board members on the nhla-bod Yahoo group; Beisel made MOTION that non board members be removed from board e-mail lists. Murphy seconded. Tomasso said that he thought the group was set up so that volunteers could collaborate. Tomasso asked if we want to also exclude past board members? Pratt said yes, exclude them. Murphy had stated that communications to past board members and volunteers should be delegated to current board members. Motion passed 5 to 1 (Tomasso voted Nay).
- Tomasso reminded everyone that political issues should go through Don Gorman, membership issues through Keith Murphy, research through the Research Director, etc. Discussion.
- Board Elections: For Research Director: Dennis Goddard. For Secretary: Suzanne Hudson, Jim Perry, Avens Obrien. Discussion about the qualifications of candidates. Beisel made MOTION to appoint Suzanne Hudson Secretary. Murphy seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Tomasso proposed a bylaws amendment to allow single nomination candidates to be appointed without an election. Beisel seconded. Discussion. Beisel expressed concern about ensuring write-in candidates can still get it; Tomasso replied that nominations would cancel out automatic election. Motion passed 6-0.
- Tomasso made MOTION to recess for 5 minutes for eating. There were no seconds.

Civic Action (Dave Mincin)

- Highway cleanup: doing one Saturday or Sunday. Will get Jon Bender the information. This Saturday (July 15).
- There was no follow-up on the use of the theater space in Exeter.
- Tomasso asked for ideas on new projects. Mincin noted that we hadn't spent money from last year's NASCAR fundraiser.
- Murphy talked about Nashua taping incident. Murphy wondered if we could contribute to their defense, or find some other way to help them. Gorman suggested not giving money. Tomasso suggested contacting Bea Franceaur. Tomasso will make inquiries on an appropriate contact person in Nashua.

Membership Report (Keith Murphy)

- Website Update:
 - As of today, site is hosted on a new server.
 - Murphy made a MOTION, then rescinded, to reimburse money for hosting, but already

- occurred electronically.
- Murphy stated that Chandler has been working on a test version on his PC, learning it, etc, and that we will see changes very soon.
- Mincin expressed concern about the age of information on website gives the appearance the NHLA is not active.
- Murphy stated that the website will be ready by end of July.
- After weeding out duplicated, 344, 205 in NH, plus 12 people and addresses but no physical address.
- We have 140 start dates, and will have to wing it on the remainder.
- Murphy membership cards in process, which will be mailed shortly.
- Gorman asked about starting a speaking bureau.
- Stated that we could have 700 members realistically by the end of the year.

Political Action (Don Gorman)

- Gorman asked for a MOTION for Joel Winters to talk about political report. Murphy seconded.
- Gorman stated that the Democratic state party had put in a candidate illegally after the deadline in Jim Perry's district.
- Murphy suggested that we missed the boat last election, and suggested we send out questionnaires for primary elections. Discussion.
- Gorman made MOTION to offer \$200 to all NHLA members who have a primary race. This motion was then modified to include only, Joel Winters, Dawn Lincoln, and Jim Perry. Keith requested to split the question into three questions, one for each question. Regarding Joel Winters: Gorman MOVED, Murphy seconded, motion passed 6-0. Regarding Dawn Lincoln, Gorman MOVED, Pratt seconded, motion passed 6-0. Regarding Jim Perry, Gorman MOVED, Mincin seconded. Motion passed 5-0; Murphy abstained, since he felt he did not have enough information to make a call. Tomasso asked to modify the MOTION, to make it contingent on the primary status. Motion passed 5-0, Murphy abstained. Beisel will put together spreadsheets of primary elections, and Murphy will draft questions and run by Gorman. Gorman moved that the budget for this be set at up to \$200 (up to) from PAC account. Beisel seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Research (Cal Pratt)

- Suggested focusing on the districts with "Constitutional Threat" representatives.

Other Business

Liberty Dinner Report (Keith Murphy)

- Lost about 1/3 of attendees from last year; 122 attendees total.
- Earned about \$450.
- Gorman stated that too many people he talked to didn't know about the dinner.

Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Karl Beisel