

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Director

Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2007

**1. Call To Order**

- (a) Chairman Dawn Lincoln called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 6:35 PM October 1, 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: Don Gorman

**3. Open Action Items**

**4. Secretary's Report-Suzanne Hudson**

- (a) McGuire moves to accept minutes of 9/10/07. Ghose seconds. Motion carries.

**5. New Business**

**(a) Treasurer's Report- Carol McGuire**

- i. Nascar Event
  - A. Three people volunteered at the Loudon Nascar event which resulted in \$276.50
- ii. Marketing for next years Nascar event
  - A. McGuire expressed her wishes to see the event better marketed for next year.
- iii. Goddard moves to accept treasurer's report for Sept. 10, Bender seconds, motion carries.

**(b) Chairman's Report-Dawn Lincoln**

- i. Political Action Director Election
  - A. Dan Itse has been elected as the new Political Action Director
- ii. Liberty Rating
  - 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.
- iii. Upcoming Election Mailing Ideas
  - A. Votes made by the incumbent running reps, short description of their vote included in mailing. Discussed; half page format or trifold and district prioritizing for mailings.
  - B. Goddard: email list of bill description wordings by end of week to board to begin brainstorming
  - C. Ghose to make an example of rep vote mailing for a mock run.
- iv. Annual Membership Meeting
  - A. Discussing of taking advantage of the Liberty Forum as an opportunity for 2008 NHLA annual meeting. Concerns arose regarding people not attending the LF and if they'd be required to pay.
- v. Merchandise

- A. Ghose to ask Llainia about designing a new T-shirt for NHLA
- vi. Bumper Sticker Design Contest
  - A. Membership asked to submit designs for next NHLA bumper sticker. Notice will go out in Oct. newsletter. (Hudson) Contest closes Dec. 1
  - B. New merchandise sweatshirts, canvas bags. Lincoln will speak with Chris Lawless about printing.

vii. Email List

- A. Goddard to get Itse set up on email list.

viii. Article 2 By-Laws Change (paid membership)

- A. Article 2
- B. Itse makes motion to approve amended by-laws article 2 change. McGuire seconds, motion carries
- C. Lincoln opposes, **\*original and proposed bylaw amendment (before changed at meeting) at bottom of minutes**

**(c) Membership Report-Jon Bender**

- i. total 471, current 332, expired 129
- ii. Membership Cards
  - A. Bender has been unsuccessful locating template for membership card.
  - B. Ghose will make a template in Word and get it to Bender.
- iii. Membership Solicitation
  - A. Opportunity to solicit new members at Murphy's on Tuesday evenings.

**(d) Political Action Report- Dan Itse**

- i. LSR review
  - A. Itse suggests reviewing LSR's available on the State website.
- ii. Bill Review Training Session
  - A. Goddard and Itse to get together for a one on one to discuss bill review process before training session
  - B. Include item for bill review volunteers in Oct. newsletter.(Hudson)
- iii. Constitution Class
  - A. Itse to teach a class on understanding the NH constitution. People should register with McGuire. Fee of \$10.00 per attendee. Limit 30 people. Nov. 10, 1-4pm. Hudson to help McGuire with refreshments.

**(e) Research Report- Denis Goddard**

- i. Getting Membership Directly Involved
  - A. Goddard discusses ways to get the membership involved directly with the political process. Training sessions, bill reviews, how a bill becomes law, House proceedings and decorum, etc.

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

- i. Bike Repair Event
  - A. Ghose expresses he feels this event would be better held in March. Event to be announced in Oct. Newsletter.(Hudson)
  - B. Hudson to prepare press release for this event.
- ii. Reps Breaking House Rules
  - A. Reps have been breaking house rules by introducing same bill 2 consecutive years. Opportunity for PR. Need names of the reps and bills and members of the rules committee.

**(g) Adjournment**

- i. Lincoln moves to adjourn, McGuire seconds. Motion carries
- ii. Adjournment 9:34 PM
- iii. Next NHLA Board Meeting Monday November 05, 2007 at 134 North Main Street  
Concord, NH

\*Original Article 2 (prior to 10-01-07)

### **Article Two - Members**

- 2.1 Any person may submit their name and mailing address to the board of the NHLA for the express purpose of being counted as a member, signifying that he or she supports the goals and purposes of the organization.
- 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.
- 2.5.1 Membership information such as name, email, postal address, etcetera, shall be held in the strictest confidentiality. Only the Board of Directors, and technical staff directly authorized by the Board of Directors, shall have access to membership information. The NHLA shall not knowingly sell or distribute specific member data. Aggregate membership information, such as the total number of members, may be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

\*Proposed Amendments to Article 2 (before modification by the board at 10-01-07)

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- 2.3 Full membership in the NHLA shall be an additional paid level of membership in addition to basic membership.
  - 2.3.1 Full membership in the NHLA shall be offered for a fee of not less than \$15.00 per annum or as determined by resolution of the Board.
  - 2.3.2 Full membership in the NHLA shall entitle an individual to vote in NHLA elections, to participate in bill reviews. The board may resolve to provide additional privileges 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 \$100.00 or as determined by resolution of the Board. Lifetime members shall enjoy all privileges available to the highest paid level of membership.
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