

NHLA Meeting Minutes August 7, 2006

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA)

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2006

**1. Call To Order**

- (a) Chariman Rich Tomasso called to order the regular meeting of the NHLA at 7:12 PM on August 7, 2006 in Manchester, NH.

**2. Roll Call**

- (a) NHLA Secretary Suzanne Hudson conducted roll call. The following board members were present:

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| i. Rich Tomasso   | v. Don Gorman       |
| ii. Carol McGuire | vi. Dennis Goddard  |
| iii. Keith Murphy | vii. Suzanne Hudson |
| iv. Dave Mincin   |                     |

- (b) Quorum: Yes

- (c) Other members present:

- i. Matt Simon, Karl Beisel

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

- (a) Beisel passed out minutes from last meeting. Board took a moment to read through minutes. Tomasso makes MOTION to accept minutes, Mincin seconds. Minutes accepted

**4. Open Action Items**

- (a) N/A

**5. New Business**

- (a) Treasurer's Report – Carol McGuire

- i. NHLA Dinner

A. Gorman wishes to discuss the proceeds and logistics of the NHLA dinner. Murphy explains the expenses of the dinner. Murphy states the dinner took a hit in attendance due to the date. Last year's dinner coincided with PorcFest. Mincin feels the dinner was more successful than last year despite the decline in attendance. Mincin states he feels this year's dinner was established as a NH event, not an FSP event.

B. McGuire, Gorman and Mincin suggest publicizing the event earlier. Tomasso explains the holdup of publicizing was due to Sununu dragging on his speaking commitment. Murphy explains hundreds of postcards sent and feels the event was adequately publicized. Murphy stated he felt he was unable to stimulate help for dinner preparations. Tomasso suggests tabling discussion for later.

- ii. Misc.

A. Murphy asks if paperwork for political action on file. McGuire indicated paperwork was filed.

- iii. Action Items

A. Owner?: Beisel suggests storing all merchandise in one location and offers his basement as storage.

B. Owner?: McGuire comments operations fund being drained.

- (b) Membership Report – Keith Murphy

- i. Membership Update

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- A. Membership sign ups and renewal now available online.
- B. Murphy states membership can realistically be expected to increase from 100 to 350.
- C. Gorman asks about free membership and the longevity of maintaining free membership. Tomasso states the bylaws would have to be amended to accommodate a paid membership. Tomasso suggests waiting until next year to address the issue, as web infrastructure takes priority.
- ii. Website
  - A. Murphy and Mincin discuss website progress.
  - B. Mincin wants to know who's responsible for the website content and maintenance. Beisel notes the bylaws state the responsibility is Murphy's.
  - C. Mincin suggests a more eye catching front page for the NHLA website.
- iii. Recruitment
  - A. Murphy discusses recruitment opportunities. Deerfield Fair is deemed a good opportunity. Gorman suggests reaching out to local clubs such as Kiwanis, Rotary Club, etc.
  - B. Goddard suggests open sidewalk events a possibility to recruit membership, e.g. August 19th in [Nashua Latino Fest](#). He Suggests members look into possible events in other towns.
- iv. Action Items
  - A. Murphy: Have Chandler contact board members with regards to accounts and access. Chandler should notify board members.
  - B. Mincin: Write up proposal for such a bylaw change for a discussion and possible vote at next meeting in regards to paid membership.
- (c) Chair's Report – Rich Tomasso
  - i. Tomasso welcomes new board members to NHLA.
  - ii. Voted Items
    - A. Bylaws amendment 3.6-a “If only one (1) candidate for election to a vacant or expiring board position can be found, the board may, by unanimous motion, elect the candidate to the board, foregoing an election by the membership.” approved last meeting needs to be ratified. Gorman makes MOTION to pass, Tomasso seconds. Bylaws amendment.
      - Amendment ratified 7-0
    - B. SNHU political fair October 12 2pm-7pm in Manchester. Tomasso states the benefit of an opportunity to reach out to political minded people. Tomasso makes MOTION to withdraw \$100 for a table. McGuire seconds.
      - Motion passes 7-0
  - iii. Fund Raising
    - A. Tomasso suggests a fund raising letter. Mincin suggests combining membership renewal information with fund raising letter.
    - B. Discussion about NASCAR event for September 17th ensues.
  - iv. Action Items
    - A. Mincin: Inquire with the speedway to get volunteer ball rolling.
    - B. Owner?: Contact Gardner Goldsmith to advertise the event (NASCAR) and volunteer opportunities on air.
    - C. Owner?: Fund raising letter combined with membership renewal.

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- (d) Civic Action – Dave Mincin
    - i. General
      - A. Brian Pelletier, Steve Villee and Tim Logsdon did highway cleanup last month.
      - B. Tomasso suggests using civic action to reach out to community to get NHLA name out to NH residents.
    - ii. Action Items
      - A. Owner?: Need to get T-shirts to those who didn't get them last year 4 speedway event.
      - B. Jean Alexander: Work with Mincin to bring non-profit charities that accept no gov't funds together.
  - (e) Political Action – Don Gorman
    - i. Candidate Update
      - A. Gorman announces 10 people are running for statehouse.
      - B. Jane Aiken, Dawn Lincoln and Jim Perry are under heavy opposition attack.
      - C. Mincin mentions NPR interested in talking to Free-Staters for radio interviews. If anyone running is interested in offering an interview, contact Mincin.
    - ii. Primary
      - A. Tomasso states he's being asked for NHLA supported candidates and expresses concern for naming support prior to primary.
      - B. Murphy recalls political questionnaire's sent out yielded approx. 60 returns. He feels there are enough incumbents on the list to make naming support easy.
    - iii. Action Items
      - A. Owner?: Gorman wishes to be in contact with runners and wishes to address their questions as a group through email.
      - B. Gorman: Review the questionnaire's returns and give his recommendations to the board.
  - (f) Research Report – Dennis Goddard
    - i. Goddard says Union Leader would like an OP/ED piece from NHLA regularly.
    - ii. Goddard would like board input on write ups.
    - iii. Action Item
      - A. Board: Review first OP/ED to be sent to Union Leader.
- 6. Adjournment**
- (a) Chairman Rich Tomasso adjourned the meeting at 9:47 PM.

Special items or topics of discussion for next month's meeting should be communicated for inclusion on agenda 7 days prior to next meeting