



July 26, 2003

Executive Committee Meeting

As Accepted 09-06-03

A regular meeting held at 11 AM at Satisfactions Restaurant,
Durham, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: eLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudiciaryComm@LPNC.com

With Ms Howe presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:10 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Goree – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Howe, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Fortner - by proxy (Mr. Wrights), Mr. Blackburn – by proxy (Ms Wilcox), and Mr. Hill.

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh, Executive Director

Absent: Mr. Owen and Ms Mills.

Guests: Mr. Ted Leger of Charlotte, Ms. Helen Paddock of Raleigh, Mr. Richard Norman of Winston Salem, Mr. Bill Vincent of Durham and Mr. Ray Ubinger of Durham.

I. Opening

- A. The agenda was amended to add two items under New Business – authorization to pay State Fair filing fee and discussion of a resolution presented by Mr. Haugh.
- B. Upon review, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 14, 2003 were accepted.
- C. All guests were introduced.

II. Executive Director's Report

- A. Mr. Haugh reported that he has been busy recruiting candidates, in conjunction with Mr. Dixon.
- B. Mr. Mara has not begun his work yet but Mr. Haugh has been making contacts and has increased pledges and one- time donations.
- C. Mr. Haugh reported that he has received the database and will soon be able to produce lists and labels.
- D. Mr. Haugh is looking forward to being able to get back out on the road and help local groups get set up and running.
- E. Mr. Haugh is also researching a new mail house that is run by Libertarians and has some very competitive prices.
- F. The APPLES program is still looking for work projects. Mr. Haugh is looking for someone to oversee a student, if we decide to get involved. Suggestions for projects were discussed. Mr. Haugh will re-post a notice regarding this program and see if there is any interest among EC members.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

- 1. The Chair reported that she is building a house.

B. Vice-chair

- 1. Mr. Wrights reported that he has one new county contact.
- 2. Mr. Wrights will send copies of the organizational manual to Ms Howe and Mr. Dixon.
- 3. There has been some interest in Johnston County but there are questions about the political interests of the contact.

C. Recording Secretary

- 1. Ms Wilcox expressed continued concern about the process in place for the storage of records and Mr. Haugh will continue to try to make contact with our archivist.
- 2. Ms Wilcox and the Webmaster will confer and determine a plan by which approved meeting minutes are posted to the website.

D. Treasurer

The acting treasurer's report is as follows:

The report contains: 1) Current Balances, 2) Fundraiser Results, 3) UMP Status and 4) Gov't Forms/Filings

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1) Current Balances
\$11,158.59 General Fund (both Federal/Non-Federal accounts)
6,441.42 Ballot Access Fund
248.00 Thomas Paine Fund

\$17,600.01 Total Available Funds
00.00 Illinois Loan

Not included are the following upcoming expenses:

- 1) Executive Director Commissions
- 2) May/June Newsletter
- 3) Deposit to State Fair

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2) Fundraising Results
July Fundraiser:
Expenses \$817.21
Income to date \$340.00
Net loss (477.21)

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3) UMP Status
We received April payment of \$712.00 on July 22.

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4) Gov't Forms/Filings
The Mid-Year Report due July 25th was filed on time, but it is incorrect. An amended report will be filed ASAP.

E. Newsletter Editor

NO REPORT

F. Outreach Director

1. Mr. Pitts reported that he has been sending info out electronically whenever possible and has sent out 40 of these packages in the last month. This saves considerable time and money.
2. There is some concern that Advocates for Self-Government is no longer forwarding inquiries. Mr. Pitts will contact them and report back.
3. Mr. Pitts also reported that he is trying some ideas in Lee County regarding the Small Business Initiative. He will share his information at a later meeting.
4. Mr. Pitts is also working on a plan to contact and get the interest of the unaffiliated voters. He will report back with his progress on this test group.

G. Ballot Access Director

NO REPORT

H. Press Secretary

NO REPORT

I. Membership Secretary

VACANT

J. Political Director

1. Mr. Dixon reported that he is now able to spend time introducing himself to county chairs and county contacts.

K. Webmaster

1. The updates to the By-Laws and Constitution from the last Convention have been on the website for some time. The new procedure concerning the appellate procedure is also on the site.
2. The hits to the website are down drastically and there was discussion regarding the possible causes.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. It was reported that the last convention did better than break even but the actual amount was unknown and will be available for the next meeting.
2. It was also noted that next year's state convention will need to be held earlier than usual to stay within the time frame of the national convention.
3. Mr. Haugh is still working on making contact with the Durham Visitors' Bureau to begin the process for planning the 2004 convention.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

1. Mr. Wrights expressed concern about the continual need to update the contact list.

C. Platform

1. The Executive Committee needs to populate this committee at the next meeting.

D. Strategic Planning Effort

NO REPORT

E. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

V. Old Business

- A. Disposal of e-mails vote:
 - 1. Ms Howe ruled that the following motions had passed after the affirmative votes cast via e-mail and the affirmative vote of one member present: Motion by Mr. Goree, seconded by Mr. Hill, on 7/17/2003: I move that LPNC sponsor the Energy-Liberty bio diesel car for the Autocross race at the Bele Chere Festival (July 26, 2003) and for the remainder of the year by purchasing space on the trunk lid for \$200. Ayes 7.
 - B. Strategic Plan Team Report:
 - 1. Mr. Haugh reported that he had forwarded copies of the state prototype (as proposed by national) to all members of the committee and expressed his concern that we be familiar with the national plan before protesting the removal of Strategy 14.
 - 2. Ms Wilcox agreed to have a discussion with Mr. Fortner to determine the feasibility of getting the Strategic Planning Effort Committee operational this fall.
 - 3. Ms Howe also agreed to question Mr. Dorsey concerning his willingness to serve a lead role on this committee.
 - C. Small Business Owner core constituency strategy:
 - 1. Mr. Haugh reported that he had shared the two memos from Mr. Schreiber with the EC via e-mail and will continue to keep the Committee apprised of National's work in this direction.
 - 2. Mr. Haugh also reported that several states have begun working on the project independently and he will keep us apprised of those efforts.
 - 3. A committee will be formed, chaired by Mr. Pitts, to continue working on Small Business Owner Outreach.
 - D. National Dues Increase:
 - 1. After long discussion it was decided that the Executive Committee will take no formal stand but will suggest that anyone with any concerns regarding any change in the national dues process, contact their regional representative or alternate.
 - E. Appointment of Platform Committee:
 - 1. Tabled until next meeting
 - F. Outreach:
 - 1. Report from Thomas Hill:
1. How high a priority is outreach from a state level (LPNC)?
 - A. This is my top priority as an activist and where I can contribute the most.
 2. What is the cost versus return?
 - A. There are some necessary costs but these can be limited to the cost of purchasing printed materials.
 3. How can we expect county/college affiliates to conduct effective outreach without the LPNC setting an example?
 - A. Easy answer – we can't. In order to emphasize the importance of outreach we must offer these groups all the assistance we can muster. This includes showing up. It should also include offering outreach materials.
 4. What resources do we currently possess to conduct outreach events?
 - A. The LPNC has banners, experienced members and many established counties have all of the equipment needed to set up an outreach booth.
 5. What resources do we lack to conduct these outreach events?
 - A. Printed materials and perhaps an updated OPH booth set-up.

6. Who will conduct these outreach events?
 - A. There are several members of the ExecComm who are willing and we will never know who else is willing until we ask
7. How can we measure success?
 - A. We can keep track of new contacts, keep accurate inventory of printed materials and note how many inquires are received in response to outreach materials.

After a long discussion Mr. Hill moved that we accept copies of the *Libertarian Viewpoint* in lieu of our May UMP. Motion passed. Ms Howe volunteered to negotiate with National and Ms Wilcox volunteered to pick up and deliver. Mr. Hill volunteered to be the custodian of the materials. Discussion will be held at a future meeting regarding methods of distribution.

VI. New Business

- A. Executive Director's Contract:
 1. After some discussion Mr. Howe moved, Mr. Wrights seconded, that the Chair be authorized to sign the Executive Director's contract for one year. Unanimous.
- B. Discussion of EC support for local candidates:
 1. After discussion, it was determined that candidates who are interested in requesting state funds, need to present a campaign plan and request to the Executive Director or Political Director, who will then pass the request on to the Executive Committee.
 2. Regarding a request from Mr. Ray Ubinger, it was moved by Thomas Hill, seconded by Mr. Bailey, that the LPNC contribute \$80 to the campaign of Mr. Ubinger for City Council, Durham. Unanimous.
- C. Discussion of campaign in Wilmington:
 1. After discussion it was determined that no action was necessary and this item be removed from the agenda.
- D. Discussion regarding Executive Director and the database:
 1. It was determined that this item was covered during the ED's report and no more action is needed.
- E. Discussion of Contact List:
 1. It was moved by Ms Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Wrights, that a committee comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Secretary and Executive Director be formed to maintain the Contact List and that they keep the Webmaster informed of all changes. Unanimous. Mr. Haugh will upload the present list to the EC website.
- F. State Fair Booth:
 1. It was moved by Mr. Wrights, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the Acting Treasurer be authorized to make payment for the booth rental in the amount of \$640. Unanimous.
 2. A committee will be formed to deal with the details of our involvement in the State Fair and Mr. Pitts agreed to act as Chair.
- G. Resolution, from Mr. Haugh regarding protecting the Bill of Rights:
 1. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the resolution be passed after removal of "we believe" after the second "Whereas". Unanimous. Resolution was accepted as follows:

Resolution of the Libertarian Party of NC

Re: Protecting the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina

Whereas, the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina guarantee those living in the United States the following rights:

- ? Freedom of speech, assembly, and privacy;
- ? The rights to counsel and due process in judicial proceedings; and
- ? Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures; and

Whereas, these civil liberties are precious and are now threatened by **The USA PATRIOT Act**, which

- ? All but eliminates judicial supervision of telephone and Internet surveillance;
 - ? Greatly expands the government's ability to conduct secret searches;
 - ? Gives the Attorney General and the Secretary of State the power to designate domestic groups as "terrorist organizations"; and
 - ? Grants the FBI broad access to sensitive medical, mental health, financial and educational records about individuals without having to show evidence of a crime and without a court order;
- and by **Federal Executive Orders**, which
- ? Establish secret military tribunals for terrorism suspects;
 - ? Permit wiretapping of conversations between federal prisoners and their lawyers;
 - ? Lift Justice Department regulations against illegal COINTELPRO-type operations by the FBI (covert activities that in the past targeted domestic groups and individuals);
 - ? Limit the disclosure of public documents and records under the Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, this law and these Executive Orders particularly target foreign nationals and people of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent, but could affect any one of us in the United States who is acting and speaking legally in opposing government policy; and

Whereas, the Executive Order on secret military tribunals also undermines the U.S. government's ability to denounce atrocities carried out in secret by military tribunals elsewhere in the world; and

Whereas, several law enforcement officials, including previous heads of the FBI, have decried the USA PATRIOT Act and these Executive Orders as unnecessary to the prosecution of, and protection from, terrorism;

Therefore, we the Libertarian Party of NC, call on our local and state governments to act in the spirit of our state and federal Constitutions by asking local and state police, the local U.S. Attorney's office, and the FBI to:

- ? Report to citizens regularly and publicly the extent to and manner in which they have acted under the USA PATRIOT Act, new Executive Orders, or COINTELPRO-type regulations, including disclosing the names of any detainees;
- ? End racial profiling in law enforcement and detentions without charges;
- ? Not participate, to the extent legally permissible, in law enforcement activities that threaten civil rights and civil liberties of the people of North Carolina, such as surveillance, wiretaps, and obtaining private information, which the Act and Orders authorize; and
- ? Openly work for the repeal of the parts of the Act and Orders that violate civil rights and civil liberties.

Resolved: July 26, 2003

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting is set for September 6, 2003 at 11 AM at Troutman's Barbecue in Concord.
- B. The October meeting will be held at 11 AM on the 18th in Sanford. Mr. Pitts will provide details.
- C. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM