



January 17, 2004
Executive Committee Meeting

First draft, January 18, 2004
With corrections from Tom Howe

A regular meeting held at 11 AM at Ole NC Barbecue, Durham, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: eclPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com but not yet

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. Pitts, Ms Mills – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Dixon – by proxy (Hill), Mr. Howe, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Fortner, Mr. Hill, Ms Hogarth and Mr. Byers.

Members Absent: Mr. Goree

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh

Guests: Mr. Joe Mathews

I. Opening

- A. After the addition of several items under new business, the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. Upon review, the minutes of the regular Executive Committee meeting of December 6, 2003 were accepted.

II. Executive Director's Report

1. Mr. Haugh shared that Mr. Crickenberger, the former Political Director of the national party, is gravely ill.
2. Mr. Haugh stated that the filing period would most likely not open on time because maps for the state house districts are being challenged in the courts. It is unclear when filing will open and this will change the date of the May primaries also.
3. Mr. Haugh is working diligently to get Libertarian candidates on the ballot, with help from Mr. Dixon.
4. There are now more than 10,000 registered Libertarians in North Carolina and it was suggested that a press release be issued regarding this milestone.
5. Mr. Haugh has been very involved in the upcoming National Chairs Conference being held in Raleigh January 24th and January 25th.
6. There was a detailed discussion of filing fees for candidates in this election cycle. This is seen as a deterrent to having as many candidates running as there were two years ago when we were considered a new party.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. Ms Howe reported that she had attended a meeting of the John Locke Foundation's Local Government and Innovation Center presentation concerning Smart Growth and Mass Transit.

B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights reported that he has been in contact with representatives for Person and Wayne Counties.

2. Mr. Wrights has also been trying to work with the Libertarian group at Wake Forest University.

C. Recording Secretary

1. Minutes attached.
2. After much discussion it was acknowledged that it would be a service to the rest of the party if minutes of Executive Committee meetings were available in a more timely fashion so the following system will be tried for several meetings:
 - a. The minutes will be posted to the EC list within a few days of the meeting;
 - b. EC members will have 1 week to read, propose corrections and clarifications;
 - c. A motion will be presented to the EC list to approve the corrected minutes;
 - d. Upon approval, as corrected, the minutes will be available on the web site and a notice will be sent to the LPNC list.

D. Treasurer

The acting treasurer's (Ms Howe) report is as follows:

Treasurer's report for January 2004

- 1) Current Balances
- 2) ED Commissions
- 3) Discount fee increase
- 4) Tarheel Libertarian Expenses
- 5) Year End Report due to SBOE

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1) Current Balances
 \$ 10,090.71 General Fund (both Federal/Non-Federal accounts)
 \$ 9,441.42 Ballot Access Fund
 \$ 18.00 Thomas Paine Fund

 \$19,532.13 Total Available Funds

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2) ED Commissions
 For November '03:
 Pledges \$1775 x 50% = \$887.50

For December '03
 Pledges \$2000 x 50% = \$1000.00

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3) Cardservice fee increase

Effective February 1, 2004, Cardservice International will raise our MC/Visa Qualified rate by 0.11% and our MC/Visa Non-Qualified Surcharge by 0.13%. Our current rate is 2.34%. Research will be done to see if there are better rates.

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4) Tarheel Libertarian Expenses (A total of 729 issues)

Printing \$ 527.60
 Mailhouse 96.03
 Postage 117.19
 \$ 740.82. (Cost per issue =\$ 0.99)

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5) Year End Report due to SBOE

Financial report for July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 is due by January 31, 2004. I am in the process of completing that task.

E. Newsletter Editor

1. Ms Hogarth reported that she is working at getting the Tar Heel Libertarian back on its regular schedule
2. She is looking into advertisers for future issues and there are some concerns about complying with federal election law.
3. The up coming issues will be full of information concerning the state convention.

F. Outreach Director

1. Mr. Pitts reported that 80% of his requests for information are now being handled electronically. Mr. Haugh or Ms Howe will report this success at the State Chair Conference.

G. Ballot Access Director

1. The Ballot Access Director did not send a report but Mr. Haugh reported that the Paul Delaney court decision could have a very positive effect for the Libertarian Party. Mr. Haugh will keep the Committee posted as the case wends its way through the justice system.

H. Press Secretary

NO REPORT

I. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Byers reported that he had some problems getting the system up and running but he felt that all of the kinks would work out and that he was "getting up to speed".

J. Political Director

NO REPORT

K. Webmaster

1. Mr. Howe reported that the "Minutes" page and the "Ladies of Liberty" page are up and operating.
2. There have been some glitches in sending out the Tar Heel Libertarian electronically.
3. Mr. Howe reported that the most popular page during the last period was the platform page and there was some thought that the committee has been working hard at their presentation for the next convention.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

NO REPORT

B. County Affiliate Affairs

From Thomas Hill:

1. The Cabarrus County affiliate has been working with the folks from Rowan and Stanley Counties to get affiliates up and running.
2. Stanley County has held its organizational meeting in Abermarle.
3. Mr. Hill reported that the Greater Cabarrus Regional Convention will be held on February 29th and all Executive Committee members are asked to come and show support.

C. Platform

1. The platform committee is considering seven changes to the platform and consideration of removal of one plank.

D. Strategic Planning Effort

1. Mr. Fortner reported that the plan is to have an information gathering meeting in each of the four different regions of the state - - - coast, triangle, mountains and Charlotte. This will give members an opportunity to express their preferences before a formal plan is devised.

E. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

F. Small Business Owners Initiative

1. Mr. Pitts reported that he has produced a business card that he hands out to any merchant when he can engage them in a conversation regarding the state sales tax
2. Mr. Pitts is continuing his work and research regarding the small business project and will try to attend the breakout sessions regarding this issue at the upcoming State Chairs Conference.
3. Mr. Pitts has agreed to write an article concerning some of the things that work with business people.

V. Old Business

A. Process by which we implement membership rules:

1. Mr. Howe reported that the page where interested people can join the party now has a link to the relevant text in the By-Laws.

B. Appointment of Treasurer:

1. TABLED

C. Budget:

1. TABLED because it will be more efficient to deal with this issue after year-end reporting is finished.

VI. New Business

A. NARAL:

1. NARAL will be holding a march in Washington at the same time as our state convention and because of the conflict in dates, no action was taken.

B. Jim Burns request for address information:

1. Mr. Burns sent a copy of a letter that he would like to send to our address list but it was determined that our policy would prohibit our sharing of this list.

VII. Adjournment

A. The next meeting is set for March 6th at 11 AM in western NC and Brandon Derr is in charge of arrangements.

B. The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.