



March 6, 2004
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at 11 AM at
AJ's Steakhouse, Lenoir, 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 11:00 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Pitts – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Goree (left at 2 PM), Ms Mills, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Howe – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Fortner, Mr. Hill – by proxy (Mr. Blackburn), Ms Hogarth and Mr. Byers (present, not voting).

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh

Guests: Mr. T J Rohr, Mr. Brandon Derr

I. Opening

- A. After the addition of several items under new business, the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. The minutes of the regular Executive Committee meeting of January 17, 2004 were acknowledged as accepted via e-mail vote.

II. Executive Director's Report

1. Mr. Haugh reported that he and Ms Howe attended the hearing of the State Board of Elections where it was determined that filing for primaries will open on April 26th and close on May 7th
2. Mr. Haugh reported that he has 40 candidates willing to run for office in November.
3. Mr. Haugh asked for input from the Committee regarding his plan for his next fund raising letter, which is almost ready for the printer. He was interested in what, of many issues, the Committee felt were the most important to fellow Libertarians.
4. There was a discussion concerning the possibilities of hiring a firm to clean up our database. It was suggested that Mr. Haugh come back to the committee with prices for available services.
5. Later in the meeting, Mr. Haugh reported that he had heard from council for the State Board of Elections that because we will not be having a presidential preferential primary it is necessary for the party to make a request to the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice for permission to nominate our delegates to the national convention during our state convention. This is assumed to be a rubber stamp process and no difficulty is foreseen.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. Ms Howe reported that she and Mr. Haugh attended the State Chairs Conference in Durham and that it was a very successful event with many members of the Executive Committee in attendance. A snowstorm cut the event short.
2. Ms Howe reported that she spoke to the 10th grade class at Durham Academy.

A. Vice-chair

- 1. Mr. Wrights reported that he attended the Greater Cabarrus County Convention (including Rowan and Stanly Counties). There was a great turnout with representatives from all parties. It was an outstanding convention with great speakers. Stanly County is now organized with officers and a meeting schedule.

B. Recording Secretary

- 1. Minutes attached.

C. Treasurer

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

Treasurer's report for March 2004

- 1) Current Balances
- 2) ED Commissions
- 3) Tarheel Libertarian Expenses
- 4) SBOE End of Year Report

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1) Current Balances
\$ 9,515.29 General Fund (both Federal/Non-Federal accounts)
\$ 10,941.42 Ballot Access Fund

\$ 20,456.71 Total Available Funds

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2) ED Commissions
For January '04:
Pledges \$ 1,745 x 50% = \$ 872.50
FR0703 and phone solicitation \$325 x 20% = \$ 65.00
Total commission for January 2004 \$937.50

For February '04
Pledges \$ 1,710 x 50% = \$ 856.00
Contributions \$ 120 x 20% = \$ 24.00
Total commission for February 2004 \$ 880.00

3) Tarheel Libertarian Expenses (A total of 500 issues--mailed 473)

Printing \$ 340.00
Mail house 118.65
Postage 63.16
Sales tax 23.80
\$ 545.61. (Cost per issue =\$ 1.09)

There was a \$100 charge for a plate that the printer says won't be needed in the future so per issue cost will go down next time.

- 4) SBOE End of Year Report was submitted on time.

D. Newsletter Editor

1. Ms Hogarth reported that because of a misunderstanding, there was a one-time charge of \$100 for a printing plate that was not used. She feels that she has now worked out all of the kinks of working with a new printing company.
2. Ms Hogarth is still working at getting issues out on time and is always looking for anyone willing to submit articles. She is working on several items for the next issue, including annexation and tax day protests.
3. Ms Hogarth also reported that she is working on a project by which all of the previous newsletters will be scanned and available to others.
4. She also spoke about the banner available for messages on the newsletter mailing.
5. Mr. Fortner moved, and seconded by Mr. Wrights, that the Newsletter Editor be authorized to spend up to \$100 for additional issues of the March/April Tarheel Libertarian to be distributed to newly registered Libertarians. Unanimous.

E. Outreach Director

NO REPORT

Ms Howe reported that the 4-color brochures that we ordered have arrived and they will be available at the convention or by special request before that. They will be passed on to affiliates at cost of 20¢ each.

F. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Goree reported that he is working to find someone else to sponsor 867. Mr. Goree is planning several trips to Raleigh to promote the legislation and to find sponsors.
2. Mr. Goree has also started planning for the Ballot Access Drive.

G. Press Secretary

1. Ms Mills reported that she is planning to delegate the actual writing of press releases to others and that she is willing to edit and distribute.

H. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Byers sent a report that stated that he has created several files including ones for the Wake and Durham convention mailings and one for the Tarheel Libertarian.
2. He has updated the new members and returned mailings information.

I. Political Director

NO REPORT

J. Webmaster

Mr. Howe filed the following report:

1. The Convention delegate allocation page, registration, and awards voting pages are active.
2. Convention accommodations, speakers, and platform pages are still to do.
3. Creating web and e-mail versions for the latest Tarheel Libertarian were delegated to the Newsletter Editor, at her request. The transition has some hiccups that are yet to be worked out.
4. Stats for months since our last meeting:

	home page accesses	total
January:	5378	68940
February:	2963	69218
5. Most popular page for both months was the platform (likely due to platform committee work). For January, next most popular was LoL calendar, followed by ExecComm page. For February, it was platform, events, ExecComm, and then calendar.

6. One interesting anomaly for Jan: the archived "DATA v. Constitution Gang" page from Spring 2001 got 136 hits.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Ms Mills reported that the convention plans are coming together and all speakers have been confirmed.
2. No presidential candidates will be attending our convention.
3. The theme for the convention is "Game Plan for Liberty".
4. Registration is available through the website.
5. A silent auction is planned.
6. Mr. Blackburn has donated all needed sound equipment.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

See Vice Chair's Report

C. Platform

1. The platform committee is preparing its report for the convention.

D. Strategic Planning Effort

1. Mr. Fortner reported that the first meeting of the SPE will be held on April 3rd at a place and time to be announced, as decided by determining a central location for those who respond to a request to attend this first meeting.
2. Mr. Fortner moved, and Mr. Wrights seconded, a motion to allocate up to \$100 for food and space for this initial meeting. Unanimous.

E. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

F. Small Business Owners Initiative

NO REPORT

V. Old Business

A. Budget

1. TABLED

VI. New Business

A. Legislative Agenda

1. Paul Delancey suit – Mr. Haugh updated the Committee on the status of this case.
2. Green Party filing – Mr. Haugh reported that the Green Party intends to file suit regarding the language on the ballot access petition.
3. Verifiable voting resolution – after a reading of the resolution by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Goree made, and Mr. Blackburn seconded, a motion that we support the following resolution:

"Computerized voting equipment is inherently subject to programming error, equipment malfunction, and malicious tampering. It is therefore crucial that voting equipment provide a voter-verifiable audit trail, by which we mean a permanent record of each vote that can be checked for accuracy by the voter before the vote is submitted, and is difficult or impossible to alter after it has been checked. Many of the electronic voting machines being purchased do not satisfy this requirement. Voting machines should not be purchased or used unless they provide a voter-verifiable audit trail; when such machines are already in use, they should be replaced or modified to provide a voter-verifiable audit trail. Providing a voter-verifiable audit trail should be one of the essential requirements for certification of new voting systems."

The motion passed (one no vote and one abstention).

- B. Liberty Amendment - - deferred to e-mail discussion before next meeting.
- C. Million Marijuana March – May 1st - - after discussion of the party's involvement a motion was made by Ms Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Wrights, that the state party provide 100 copies of the *Viewpoint* and 100 copies of the *New Vision* brochure to the Wake County affiliate to distribute at the event. Unanimous.
- D. Tax Day Protests - - - after discussion of various efforts by county affiliates, no action was taken.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be at the close of the State Convention on April 25th.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.