



September 11, 2004
Executive Committee Meeting

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A regular meeting held at Troutmans' Barbecue
In Concord, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com and the County Contact list - -but not yet

With Mr. Wrights presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 10:50 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe (arriving late), Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Vuchnich, Mr. Dixon, Ms Hogarth (arriving late), Mr. Pitts, Mr. Goree, Mr. Howe (arriving late), Mr. Hill, and Mr. Irving – by proxy (Ms Wilcox).

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh (arriving late)

Guests: John Powell, Richard Norman, Shane Killian, Seth Ilys, Jennifer Schulz, Rachael Schulz, Derrick Gilliland, Rachel Hunter, Connie Mack Berry, Jr., John Plecnik, Joel Turner, Cameron DeJong, Rick Pasotto, Richard Evey and Jan Paulson.

I. Opening

- A. After the addition of one item under new business, the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. All guests were given an opportunity to introduce themselves
- C. The remainder of the Committee arrived and Ms Howe took over the meeting

II. Executive Director's Report

- A. The next two fundraising letters will be about ballot access. The first will be to ask for funding to send the second. The aim is to send the second letter to all registered Libertarians.
- B. Mr. Haugh will soon be speaking with a delegation from Russia.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

- 1. The campaign for governor is going well.
- 2. Ms Howe attended the last state Board of Elections meeting.

B. Vice-chair

- 1. Inquiries have improved some perhaps in reaction to the presidential debate that aired on C-Span.

C. Recording Secretary

- 1. NO REPORT

D. Treasurer

- 1. The July and August financials are as follows:

	<u>8/31/2004</u>	<u>7/31/2004</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash	\$ 27,044	25,475
Pledges receivable	<u>735</u>	<u>835</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 27,779</u>	<u>26,310</u>

Liabilities and net assets

Current liabilities-accounts payable	1,733	1,665
Net assets		
Temporarily restricted net assets	11,181	11,206
Unrestricted net assets	<u>14,865</u>	<u>13,278</u>
Total net assets	<u>26,046</u>	<u>24,484</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 \$ <u>27,779</u>	 <u>26,149</u>

2. The June fundraising letter netted \$322.00.

E. Newsletter Editor

1. Because of misunderstandings with the printer the August newsletter has not yet been sent but should be out within days.
2. The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is September 30th.

F. Outreach Director

1. There are still no inquiries coming in from National. Mr. Dixon reported that the problem should be solved soon but the solution will only address future inquiries. It will not generate information for past inquiries.

G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Goree has begun planning for the upcoming ballot drive but had no report regarding that planning.
2. Mr. Haugh reported that because of the actions of the Green Party, some language in the petition has been deleted.
3. Mr. Haugh also reported that action is being taken to reintroduce the legislation that failed in the last regular session of the legislature.
4. Mr. Goree moved, seconded by Mr. Pitts, that The EC authorize the Ballot Access Director to spend up to \$1,500 for the printing of 10,000 petitions and the related delivery charges, with the money to come from the Ballot Access fund. The vote was unanimous.
5. Mr. Howe stated that he will get printable forms up on the web site as soon as he has the appropriate language.

H. Press Secretary

The Press Secretary sent the following report:

1. Since the last LPNC executive committee meeting, I have sent out six (6) news releases to a total of 1,041 media outlets. Five of the releases went statewide; one went to only Raleigh-area media. All releases were sent out for candidates.
2. To date, I have spent \$86.40 on candidate releases. I expect we will exceed the \$100 allocation authorized by the executive committee before November 2.

I. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Haugh reported that clean up of the database continues. The cost of the clean-up is higher than originally planned.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Vuchnich, seconded by Mr. Wrights that \$70 be allocated to pay the balance of the charges for the clean-up of both the in-house list and the registered voter list. The vote was unanimous.
3. Many problems have been discovered and solutions are being explored.
4. Mr. Howe reported that he has downloaded the voter registration lists from the Board of Elections and that much work has been done to produce a clean list.

J. Political Director
NO REPORT

K. Webmaster

1. Because of problems with the host company, no statistical information is available.
2. The Webmaster assured the committee that he will solve the difficulties quickly.

The meeting was recessed so that members and guests could order lunch and reconvened to consider the following:

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Mr. Haugh is still looking into the Park Inn as the convention site for 2005.
2. It was decided that all other convention related work will be done after the November elections.

B. County Affiliate Affairs
NO REPORT

C. Strategic Planning Effort

1. The last information gathering session was held recently in Asheville with a great turnout and lots of input from the interested parties.
2. The project will be put on hold until after the elections, and perhaps until January 2005

D. Archive and Knowledge Base
NO REPORT

E. Small Business Owners Initiative
NO REPORT

F. Policy Manual/Past Practices

1. This committee is still being formed.

G. Media Advertising

1. Work on the ads for the Triad area advertising continues and the ads should be ready to air by next week.

H. Badnarik 04

1. Rob Rose is running the Badnarik meet-up in the Triangle area today. There are others across the state.
2. A fundraising letter to supporters across the state did well with very limited expense.
3. Ms Hogarth will try to get more campaign supplies for upcoming events and suggests that anyone who wants more supplies go to the website and make their own request.
4. Folks were reminded that there are two Badnarik banners to be used for outreach events.

I. Volunteer Coordinator
NO REPORT

The meeting was recessed for lunch and reconvened to continue with the following:

V. Old Business

- A. Electronic Voting for the last two meetings is listed below:
 - 1. On June 26th, the minutes and financial statement of the June 12th EC meeting were approved by consensus.
 - 2. Motion by Ms. Hogarth on 06/19/04: I move that the LPNC appropriate up to \$60 for Susan Hogarth to the purchase an Operation Politically Homeless booth to be used for outreach. 8-0-0
 - 3. Motion by Mr. Bailey on 06/21/04: I move that the LPNC appropriate \$600 to buy an ad in the Charlotte and Greensboro editions of the Rhinoceros times for \$300 each. 6-3-3
 - 4. Motion by Ms. Hogarth on 06-22-04: I move that the Chair appoint a working committee to be named the "Volunteer Coordination Committee" for the purpose of coordinating volunteers around the state. 7-0-1
 - 5. Motion by Mr. Hill on August 8, 2004: I move that the LPNC replace Kyle Klock with Russ Muller as the candidate for Iredell County Commissioner. 6-0-0
 - 6. Motion by Mr. Irving on 08-28-04: I move the executive committee authorize an additional \$1,680 for media buys to be determined by the media committee. 7-0-0
- B. Budget – discussion on hold until January
- C. Voter Check-off – State tax returns
 - 1. Mr. Pitts will be in contact with our attorney on this issue.
- D. Inclusion in Political Debates
 - 1. Discussion and information gathering continue.
 - 2. Ms Howe will come back to the Committee when more concrete information is available.
- E. Summer volunteer
 - 1. This item will be removed from the agenda as the program has ended.
- F. State and Dixie Classic Fairs
 - 1. The website will be set up so that people can sign up for time slots at the fair.
 - 2. The party supply of the "New Vision" brochure will be split between the State Fair and the Dixie Classic Fair.
- G. Membership Secretary opening
 - 1. Richard Norman expressed an interest in the Membership Secretary position and shared his credentials.
 - 2. Mr. Wrights moved, and Tom Howe seconded, that Mr. Norman be appointed to the position of Interim Membership Secretary so that he can begin some much needed work on the membership base. The vote was unanimous.
- H. At-large position openings
 - 1. The following people have expressed an interest in the three at-large Executive Committee openings:
 - a. John Powell of Mecklenburg County (who spoke early in the meeting due to the late arrival of several EC members)
 - b. Derrick Gilliland of Mecklenburg County
 - c. Jennifer Schulz of Mecklenburg CountyNo action will be taken on filling these positions until after they have been advertised in the Tarheel Libertarian.

- I. Executive Director's Contract
 - 1. After long discussion, it was moved by Dave Goree and seconded by Lee Wrights that the contract with the deletions and additions suggested by the Executive Director be accepted. The motion passed.

- J. Target – Rockingham County
 - 1. The first two phases of the target project have been completed. Postcards were sent to 157 libertarians in Rockingham County inviting them to the August meeting. This garnered one response.
 - 2. The Tar Heel Libertarian will be mail to 133 households with a reminder of the September meeting.

- K. Candidate Training
 - 1. The training is scheduled for Saturday September 25th at Bur-Mil Pond in Greensboro.
 - 2. Sign up has been very limited.
 - 3. There will be four speakers - -Brian Irving, Alex Vuchnich, Lee Wrights and Beverly Wilcox.

VI. New Business

- A. Amendment One
 - 1. There will be an anti Amendment One Rally on September 18th.
 - 2. Press releases will go out soon.
 - 3. Activists are being asked to speak to their local governing bodies and ask that they not support Amendment One.

- B. Candidate Requests
 - 1. Cameron DeJong spoke on behalf of Joel Turner's request for \$4,250 in campaign finance help as he seeks a county commission seat in Beaufort County.
 - 2. Shane Killian spoke on his own behalf, requesting \$750 in assistance as he seeks a county commissioner position in Lincoln County.
 - 3. Cameron DeJong spoke, as did Rachel Hunter on her own behalf looking for support for her run for Supreme Court Justice.
 - 4. Alex Vuchnich moved, and Tom Howe seconded, that \$375 be made available to the Shane Killian campaign and that \$1,000 be donated to the Joel Turner campaign, with these funds to be used for media purchases only. The vote on the motion resulted in a tie, broken by the Chair in the affirmative.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be October 24th at 1 PM in Raleigh, under the direction of Sean Haugh.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.