

Executive Committee Meeting 8 May 2010
Held at the Sagebrush Steakhouse, 800 S Main St, Graham, NC

Presiding: Chair Barbara Howe
Recording: Recording Secretary Stephanie Watson

Other Committee Members Attending:
Bev Wilcox (Vice Chair), Rick Pasotto, Phil Jacobson, Matt Drew,
Thomas Hill, Tom Hohman, David Grimm, Michael Shanklin, Jason Bateman,

Also Attending:
Nick Hearn (Harnett), David Speight (Davidson)

CALLED TO ORDER at 11:12 AM by Howe.

Howe reviewed who was in attendance.

The agenda was discussed and set, as was the dates for the next meetings.

The minutes for the last two EC meetings (February 20, 2010, and April 11, 2010) the convention minutes were not yet ready for consideration, but Watson promised that she would post minutes for an online vote in the next week.

Chair

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe reported participating in some radio shows and in the Raleigh Marijuana March.

Vice Chair

- Bev Wilcox present and reporting
- Wilcox had nothing to report as Vice Chair

Recording Secretary

- Stephanie Watson present and reporting
- Watson reported that she would have the minutes from the post-convention meeting in April ready and posted soon, in addition to posting the notes from the February meeting where there had not been a quorum.

Treasurer

- John Caveny was absent and did not submit a report, but he did call

Howe and provided the following numbers:

General account balance: \$ 34,276.79
Federal account balance: \$ 908.98
Lawsuit fees balance: - \$ 4,829.26

- Members discussed the sources of income and the current expenditures, especially to help inform new members to the committee.

Membership Secretary

- Rick Pasotto present and reporting
- Pasotto described that he had been obtaining data as usual, though he had not received new information from national in a while.
- Pasotto reported that Joy Elliot had requested a complete database of registered voters, but had not responded to his latest contact.
- Members discussed trying to obtain current and accurate numbers of LPNC members to be part of this report for each meeting.
- Pasotto has requested from Caveny a list of the monthly pledgers to the LPNC, but he has not yet obtained that list.

Webmaster

- Rick Pasotto present and reporting
- Pasotto reported some changes to the site such as moving the Mary Ruwart's article to the right-hand column so there is less emphasis.
- Pasotto asked to add a line item to the budget proposal in new business to cover renewing Web hosting services.

County Affiliate Affairs

- Bev Wilcox present and reporting
- Wilcox reported that Tom Hohman had taken on the job of calling every newly registered Libertarians. Hohman explained that it was just a welcome call and directing the individuals to the Web site for more information. Hohman also asks for the email address if the individual expresses interest. Wilcox was excited about this first touch call and asked for a volunteer to make the follow-up call to ask for support. Mike Shanklin stated that he would be interested in making that second call.
- Wilcox explained that there was new growth and action for county affiliates, but that she did not have a formal report about that.

Lawsuit Committee

- Barbara Howe present and reporting
- Howe stated that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Political Director

- Matt Reeps was absent and offered no report.
- Members discussed concerns about the lack of response from Reeps after repeated attempts to contact him. Pasotto stated that Reeps had made contact recently, but with no explanation for his absence.
- Howe asked for the emails to the political director and the phone number for that position to be directed to Howe.

>>> MOTION: Phil Jacobson moved to appoint Michael Shanklin as Associate Policial Director for the LPNC.
>>> SECOND: Matt Drew

Motion passed unopposed.

-- Howe and Wilcox clarified that the emails and phone number would be directed to Shanklin and that Shanklin would serve as the primary point of contact for the position of Political Director unless and until Reeps re-establishes contact with the committee and assumes political director responsibilities again.

Outreach

- Susan Hogarth was absent and offered no report.
- Grimm described that he would be working with Hogarth to research and write the email newsletter. He described his plan to gather information, get feedback, and then send out the final edition on Monday. Members shared their ideas to make sure the newsletter was publicized, including on the Web site. Hohman also expressed that the newsletter should also include numbers on new membership to convey how the party is growing.

Howe called to recess at 12:13 PM to order lunch.

Howe called to order at 1:18 PM.

Bylaws Committee

- Howe stated that she needed to get the names of those who are interested in being on the Bylaws Committee. She reported that she would put out an announcement about that, and David Speight, Phil Jacobson, and Mike Shankin contributed their names to Howe as being interested in that committee.

Convention Committee

- Barbara Howe present and reporting.
- Howe reported the final totals for money contributed and spent for the 2010 convention. Those totals were as follows:
FIXME
- Howe stated that Mike Munger had expressed interest in being the convention chair for 2011, and the EC members nominated Munger for that position without objection. Other members contributed their names as being interested in serving on this committee.

Issue Papers Committee

- Phil Jacobson present and reporting.
- Jacobson reported that the list of those wanting to participate in the committee was complete and that this line item was added to the regular EC meeting agenda.

At-large Members'

- David Grimm described some of the outreach plans by the Alamance County affiliate.

Old Business

A. Candidacy repudiation of Jack Stratton

>>> MOTION: Matt Drew moved to pass the following resolution, formulated with contributions from the committee online over several weeks' time:

Whereas Mr. Jack Stratton is registered with the state of the North Carolina as a Libertarian, and

Whereas Mr. Stratton has filed to run for Mecklenburg County Commissioner in the 2010 elections, and

Whereas Mr. Stratton is using his campaign to pursue personal goals rather than a bonafide run for public office, and

Whereas Mr. Stratton has displayed a historical pattern of responding to criticism and discussion with unfounded legal threats and intimidation, and

Whereas the Executive Committee of the Libertarian party of North Carolina believes that Mr. Stratton's behavior goes well beyond self-defense, violates the Libertarian non-aggression principle, and runs counter to the spirit of freedom, liberty, and responsibility that the Libertarian Party strives to promote,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of North Carolina repudiates Mr. Stratton as a candidate for public office and neither supports nor endorses his candidacy. This shall include, but is not limited to, striking his name from the list of candidates endorsed by the Libertarian Party of North Carolina and the refusal of any financial, logistical, or electoral support.

>>> SECOND: Bev Wilcox
Motion passed unanimously.

Prior to vote, discussion on the resolution included the citing of some particular actions by Stratton that were consistent with this resolution. Members also discussed the best approach to publicizing this information as well as to contact Stratton himself of the committee's decision. Members decided neither to publicize this information nor to make additional contact with Stratton.

B. Online business

There was an online vote the first week of May 2010 as follows:

>>> MOTION: Stephanie Watson moved that the Executive Committee allocate \$150 for the table fee so that the Libertarian Party of North Carolina can have a table at the NC Tea

Party Summit in Wilmington, NC, May 21-23, 2010.

SECOND: Thomas Hill

>>> Motion passed.

New Business

A. Aaron Yeargan resignation request from the EC

Members discussed Yeargan's unique situation (anticipating his being activated for duty for at least 4 months and up to a year), expressing regret that he would feel his resignation was necessary and understanding that the committee needs to secure another enthusiastic and active contributor to the committee.

>>> MOTION: Rick Pasotto moved to accept Aaron Yeargan's resignation from the executive committee.

>>> SECOND: Thomas Hill
Motion passed.

Nick Hearn expressed interest in taking Yeargan's position, and Shanklin conveyed interest from Amanda Owens. Pasotto asked that Howe's announcement about the EC vacancy include that the EC will make its vote and appointment at its June 19, 2010, meeting.

B. Budget proposal from Howe

Howe contributed a draft budget so that the EC could make a single vote for allocating money in support of upcoming outreach events in 2010. Members contributed their own items in addition to Howe's original list, and those are reflected in the list recorded here:

Amount	Event
\$ 1100	N.C. State Fair
\$ 500	Dixie Classic Fair
\$ 60	West Point on the Eno
\$ 150	Tea Party Summit (previously allocated)
\$ 500	Insurance fees for events
\$ 1000	Materials (literature, booth supplies, parking passes)
\$ 3000	Fundraising
\$ 100/month	Discretionary fund (authorizing the Chair to spend up to this amount per month on LPNC business expenses without an EC vote for each expenditure)
\$ 250	Web site expenses
\$ 300	Cabarrus County Fair
\$ 1000	Office supplies

Discussion included that the LPNC needed to update its bulk reply mail (BRE) status with the U.S. Postal Service to support the mailing efforts.

>>> MOTION: Matt Drew moved to accept the budget as amended.

>>> SECOND: Bev Wilcox
Motion passed.

C. Mecklenburg County literature

>>> MOTION: Thomas Hill moved to provide the literature that Bev Wilcox has already sent at no expense to the Mecklenburg County affiliate understanding that when that affiliate had dissolved a few years prior, it had contributed over \$100 back to the LPNC, which is more than what the LPNC would have invoiced to them for that outreach literature.

>>> SECOND: Matt Drew
Motion passed unanimously.

The next meetings were set for:

- June 26, 2010, at 11 AM in Cabarrus County, location to be announced.
- July 31, 2010, at 11 AM, location to be announced.

Jacobson expressed concern that we might lose John Caveny as treasurer because of his meeting attendance, and that we should consider some way to prepare for that event. Drew expressed a need for someone to be serve that can be present and active given the increase in activity in the LPNC. Hill was concerned that there was no one currently lined up to do the day-to-day tasks that Caveny has been keeping up with. Jacobson explained that we have no backup right now and that one possible solution is to have a finance committee or an associate treasurer that can be there

on the treasurer's behalf. Members continued discussion, expressing the desire to contact Caveny about whether he would accept appointing someone else who can help him while he's still serving.

>>> MOTION: Bev Wilcox moved to adjourn.
>>> SECOND: Michael Shanklin

CALL TO ADJOURN at 2:27 PM by Howe without objection