

February 2024 LPNH EC Meeting Minutes

February 25th, 2024. Meeting conducted via Zoom.

In attendance:

VC Nick Hubbard
Treasurer Zephan Wood
Secretary Ryan Bloodworth
At Large Reinita Susman
Prior Chair Robley Hall

VC Called meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

Motion to approve convention minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Secretary report - shared JC Q1 Report

Treasurer report - Storage unit paid. Working on reports.

At Large - Nothing to report.

Affiliate reports: None.

Committee reports: Shared JC report to chat. Nick read report aloud. No other reports.

Old business:

Motion to consider nominations for state offices. Seconded. Passed.

Ryan Bloodworth nominated Steve Villee. Steve's nomination speech previously sent to LPNH Fanclub Chat sent to meeting chat. Nick read aloud.

Motion to discuss nominating Steve. Seconded. Passed. Discussion about concerns about messaging. Reinita suggests broadening message to highlight what libertarians are doing in NH; attract movers. Discussion moves to having a meeting with Steve to discuss messaging before deciding on nomination.

Nolan Pelletier raises hand in meeting. VC recognizes Nolan. Nolan supports having a meeting with Steve.

Reinita raises hand. Nick recognizes Reinita. Reinita suggests potential media training for Steve.

Nolan raises hand. Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan has seen Steve speak.

Open discussion resumes.

Motion to table motion to nominate Steve. Seconded. Passed.

Robley asks for point of personal privilege. Points out that the EC should consider level of support the national party would be willing and able to provide a gubernatorial candidate.

Open discussion resumes. Nolan indicates he believes the last campaign received \$10k support from LPNH and \$5k from national. We spent \$5 per signature from a professional. Need to get over the requirements in statute because many are eliminated.

Discussion moved to strategy of running a gubernatorial candidate vs. someone for federal office. Reinita expresses desire for a serious candidate.

Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan wants to speak about regional agreements.

New business:

Ryan Bloodworth moves to discuss regional agreements. Seconded. Passed.

Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan speaks - we are region 8, our current regional representative is Pat Ford. Nolan points out that there is discussion that the regional representative system main change at national convention in D.C. Nolan recommends Chair reach out to other Chairs in region to hammer out regional agreement prior to national convention.

Nick recognizes Robley. Robley points out that Mises Caucus is pushing idea to remove region reps and that there will likely be a vote. Encourages EC to coordinate with delegates to national convention about any such vote.

Nick recognizes Reinita. Reinita expresses desire to be on Comms.

Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan discusses procedure for appointments to Comms.

Open discussion. Robley points out that policy manual was changed regarding this topic. Consensus that EC needs to review policy manual.

Reinita moves to have EC authorize her access to social media.

Discussion. Ryan Bloodworth moves to table motion and invite Comms to March meeting. Seconded. Passed.

Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan speaks about the deleted Facebook account and need to recreate it. Nick points out that Chair Holmes expressed having a plan for this.

Reinita raises the issue of delegates having changed plans to attend the national convention and whether we need to address it. Robley and Nick checking bylaws to see if EC can appoint new delegates. Unclear at this time. Will be researched.

Zephan raises the idea of leveraging reach on Twitter to support Free Stater run businesses - affiliate program to run ads on the Twitter account; suggests tier system and explains notion of how this would operate. Open discussion about the idea. Nick questions whether there is regulation that would preclude the idea; Zephan points out that we run ads in brochure at convention; other LP affiliates do it as does the FSP.

Nick recognizes Robley. Robley expresses opposition to the idea - Nick summarizes Robley's concern as that of the creation of a moral hazard.

Back to open discussion.

Ryan Bloodworth moves to table discussion and suggests we return to it in March after more research and a written description of program. Seconded. Passed.

Zephan points out the website does not allow people to donate crypto. Suggests hiring Dan Smotz to fix up the website and bring it more into alignment with our brand.

Nick recognizes Nolan. Nolan points out that prior EC had talked about accepting crypto; indicates there were potential tax complications they did not feel it worthwhile to address at that time when weighed against the benefits. Nolan explains history of the website; we now have control of it.

Nick recognizes Reinita. Reinita suggests if we do hire someone to upgrade the website, they should follow the lead of someone on the EC.

Return to open discussion. Zephan reiterates support for upgrading the website; explains there are POS systems in which donors could donate in crypto and the party would receive fiat currency on the other end. Suggests we pay Dan Smotz for a proof that he could upgrade the website as desired. Reinita expresses that she'd like to work with Dan on the design. Zephan and Reinita decide on a plan to create a group chat with Dan to discuss the idea. Nolan and Zephan have a bro moment over the website.

Nick calls for any further new businesses; there is none.

Reinita moves to set the date and time of the next EC meeting. Seconded. Passed.

Nick recognizes Reinita. Reinita suggests we meet in less than a month given tabled items this meeting.

Zephan moves to set the next meeting tentatively for 3/10 at 12:30. Seconded. Passed.

Motion to adjourn [I did not catch who made it; apologies.] Seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.