

Executive Committee Meeting
6/19/04
Baraboo

Meeting called to order by Chair Ed Thompson.

Motion by Mueller and Peralta to approve the minutes of the last meeting as posted.
Carried.

Secretary's Report by Jim Maas.

Membership up slightly but only half the number listed anticipated in the annual budget. The treasurer explained that the number for membership was created to match income to expenses.

About 150 lapsed members in the past year. Secretary will provide a report of lapsed members to district representatives for followup.

Roll call showed 13 members present and 8 members absent, including At Large Rep. Haynes, 2nd District reps Masel and Augustine, 3rd District Alternate Kettner, 6th District Alternate Rostig, 7th District reps Ehlers and Biebeshiemer (who had previous commitments), and 8th District Alternate Schwartz.

Treasurers Report by Craig Mohn.

Convention had income from registration, dues and shirt sales. However, net total was in the red due to newspaper ads intended to increase participation.

Motion by Ender and Keil to approve report as printed. Carried.

Chairs Report.

Past couple of months were busy with several press releases and radio interviews.

Database Committee Report

Nick Piergrossi reports that Peterson's proposal is too costly.

Long term solution is to automate memberships and renewals. Existing database can be put on the web in a secure directory.

Short term solution – a directory is planned for the web by the next Excom meeting.

Old Business

Fundraising.

Craig Mohn described what he does with raffle tickets. Tickets are distributed to taverns and restaurants with a promotional poster. The sellers get a free ticket for every 25 sold.

Excom members are encouraged to promote the raffle in this manner.

The tickets are also being sold on the website.

General fundraising

Thompson describes a fall fest raffle party.

Piergrossi described a 2nd amendment rally. Piergrossi and Ender will report on a plan for a gun raffle.

Keil proposed a direct mail fundraiser for July, August and September. Need \$300 to send to 500 people. Motion by Piergrossi and Ender to approve Jeremy Keil writing fundraiser letters and mailings. Carried

Open Carry protest

Ben Masel checked on legal aspects. Not present to report. However, the issue of the right to bear arms is on the back burner until new legislation is introduced.

LPWI Literature needs updating. Motion by Keil and Piergrossi to direct Barb Shibley to create a brochure focused on Wisconsin. Carried.

State Fair

It was the consensus of the Excom for the fair booth coordinator to choose how to stock the booth. The recommendation was to shop prices for balloons and sell patriotic stuff.

Green Convention

Masel and Lindgren will attend the Green Party National Convention in Milwaukee. Will promote the 6% Rule and caucus scandal. Keil will set up a booth.

Deadline for the next newsletter issue is July 1. Doc Shibley assisting with this project too. Mohn introduced the possibility of accepting advertising. There was some confusion on what repressive regulations might apply.

Webpage

Piergrossi is working on navigation Stanley is working on layout and graphics. Piergrossi will form a committee of five to work on the website.

Liberty Award

Barb Kerkman was nominated by Ed Thompson. Motion to approve was made by Piergrossi and Ender. Carried.

Motion by Mohn and Ender to bestow an honorary membership to Barb for 2005. Carried.

New Business

Fundraising – Aaron Russo would come to Wisconsin for a fundraiser. Russo is working on a movie with a libertarian theme.

Political polling is available – see Rolf Lindgren.

Candidate endorsements

The LPWI encourages any Libertarian to run for office.

Motion by Keil and Maas to direct the webmaster to accept and process donations for members of the LPWI running for office. Carried.

Motion by Keil and Leyendecker to donate \$500 to the Mohn campaign. Carried.

There was a great turnout for the Kuester campaign at the festival parade in Reedsburg. More Libertarians than other candidate supporters. Tom Kuester thanked Excom members for their support.

National Convention

It was an exciting time with a good turnout of delegates. The Badnarik Campaign could be invited to Wisconsin. Badnarik is available for radio interviews. Contact your local talk show host to make arrangements.

Jeremy Keil is now the National Regional Representative for the upper Midwest region.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Eau Claire at a time and place to be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

Jim Maas, Secretary