

Minutes of the August 28, 2004 State Committee Meeting
of the Libertarian Party of New York

Meeting called to order by Chair John Clifton at 12:55pm.

Members present:

- John Clifton, Chair
- Stephen Healey, Vice Chair (by phone)
- Richard Cooper, Vice Chair
- Werner Hetzner, Treasurer/Capital Region
- Blay Tarnoff, At large/Party Telecommunications Officer
- Chris Garvey, At large/Suffolk County
- Andy Demers, Monroe County (by phone)
- Jim Harris, Nassau County
- Audrey Capozzi, At large (arrived 1:30)
- Bonnie Scott, Secretary/Webmaster/Web Editor (arrived 2:15, by phone)

Members not present:

- Tom Stevens, At large/Manhattan/Queens County/College Outreach Coordinator
- Gary Triestman, At large/Newsletter Editor
- Don Silberger, Hudson Valley/Candidate for U.S. Senate

Observers:

- Chris Padgett
- Jeff Bennett, Rockland County Temporary Chair/Candidate
- Ira Raab (arrived 1:15)
- Estelle Edwards (arrived 1:45)
- Mike Zimmari (arrived 2:00)
- Diane Walsh (arrived 2:00)
- Nic Leobold (arrived 2:20)

John Clifton announced the agenda:

- Minutes/Officer reports
- Post-petition drive report/Awards
- Liberty Works/Executive Director update
- Badnarik/LPNY candidate support
- Goal 50,000/Enrollment drive
- New Business/Adjourn

NO ONE OBJECTED to the agenda.

John Clifton asked for a volunteer to be Acting Secretary for the meeting; Blay Tarnoff volunteered and NO ONE OBJECTED.

Chris Garvey moved to waive reading and approval of the minutes in favor of doing so later in the online meeting – PASSED unanimously.

Werner Hetzner gave a Treasurer's Report, including a 3 page handout, and a report on the finances of the petition drive, including a 5 page handout. General discussion ensued concerning the events that transpired and lessons for the future regarding, e.g., the handling of and lodging for out of town petitioners and official toleration by local authorities of our petitioners (Chris Garvey spoke about this).

Jim Harris suggested that, next presidential election year, the slate of electors should be chosen and finalized at the Annual Convention, even if fewer people volunteer at that time than the number to which the State is entitled (no one dissented).

Jim Harris suggested that there should be a "CCCP" designation on the website for donors to target funds to be used solely for "cross-county candidate petitioning", in which the candidate may list the statewide candidates on his petition and thereby increase the statewide signature total. Werner Hetzner agreed to ask Webmaster Bonnie Scott to implement this.

Werner Hetzner said that he intends not to pay the remaining outstanding petition expenses until National pays the remainder of what it owes us (\$2000) or the State Committee votes to approve more funding for that purpose.

Werner Hetzner suggested that Jeff Bennett be named winner of this year's Dottie-Lou Brokaw Award for Best Petitioner and awarded free admission to the next State Convention he attends – NO ONE OBJECTED.

Chris Garvey suggested that Don Silberger receive honorable mention as a contestant for the Dottie-Lou Brokaw Award and also be awarded free admission to the next State Convention he attends – NO ONE OBJECTED.

There was general discussion of Liberty Works, most comments disapproving of the concept. It was noted that it was unfortunate that its main proponent, Bonnie Scott, was not in attendance to speak in its favor.

There was general discussion of the upcoming Badnarik/Cobb debate. John Clifton showed his draft of a flyer to advertise the debate.

John Clifton suggested that we should sponsor a Badnarik event/fund raiser some time before the election. Richard Cooper said that any such event should be held in New York City for the biggest possible turnout. There was extended discussion concerning the particulars of this event.

Werner Hetzner suggested that the State Committee should embrace "Goal 50,000", in the belief that that will better enable us to focus on the crucial goal of winning 50,000 votes for our gubernatorial candidate in 2006, and distributed a 1 page handout on the subject.

Bonnie Scott reported on the benefits of Liberty Works, including its capabilities to write and mail regular fund raising letters and to create a phone script and use it to call new inquiries and/or lapsed members.

Chris Garvey moved to approve Liberty Works to send information packets to new inquiries for \$3 (three dollars) per packet, to create a phone script for follow-up phone calls to new inquiries for a one-time charge of \$25 (twenty-five dollars), and to make the follow-up phone calls to same for \$0.20 (twenty cents) per minute of connect time, and to authorize unlimited funding for these services – PASSED.

Werner Hetzner moved to approve Liberty Works also to contact members lapsed within the last two years under the same conditions as their approval to contact new inquiries, and to authorize \$500 (five hundred dollars) for these services – PASSED.

John Clifton and Bonnie Scott volunteered to contact Richard Butler of Liberty Works to implement and oversee the arrangement, and John Clifton said he would also invite Jim Harris (who was out of the room at the time) to participate in this de facto subcommittee – NO ONE OBJECTED.

Richard Cooper moved that the next Annual Convention shall be a one day affair, held in Syracuse on Saturday April 23, 2005 – PASSED unanimously.

Nic Leobold spoke (without objection), complaining on behalf of Candidate Sam Sloan that Webmaster Bonnie Scott abuses her power as list owner by preventing Sam from posting on certain lists as a personal vendetta against him. Bonnie responded that she has not acted arbitrarily or inappropriately or with personal malice and asked for identification of specific emails that were excluded.

Vote to adjourn – PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 3:05.

Respectfully submitted this August 29, 2004,

Blay Tarnoff

Action items

- Bonnie Scott is requested to add the CCCP targeted donation designation to the website.
- Bonnie Scott is requested to send vouchers to Jeff Bennett and Don Silberger, entitling them to free admission to the next Annual Convention they attend.