

LPWI Excom Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 18th, 2010, Galloway Grille, 409 Galloway St.,
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM by Chair Ben Olson

Roll Call: Excom members attendees

Ben Olson – Party Chairman

Jim Maas – Party Vice Chairman

Tim Krenz – Party Treasurer

John Gatewood – Party Secretary

Tim Nerenz - 2nd District Representative (Primary)

Todd Welch and Randy Palmer - 3rd District Representation, Primary and
Alternate respectively

Tim Peterson – 5th District Representative (Primary)

Non-Excom members attendees:

Terry Virgil (Lt. Governor Candidate)

Eric Scoglio (ran for Governor, not enough signatures for ballot)

Pamela Owens

Ross Gabrica

Excom Positions Absent:

Paul Ehlers– At-Large representative

Terry Gray – At-Large representative

Brad Sponholz - 1st District Representative (Primary) and

Jim Sewell - 1st District Representative (Alternate)

Charles Oberg - 6th District Representative (Primary, there is no Alternate)

Will Losch - 7th District Representative (Primary, there is no Alternate)

Ralph Klingsporn - 8th District Representative (Primary, there is no Alternate)

Excom Positions Vacant:

4th District Representation

A quorum consists of 7 voting members, 7 voting members were present

Terry Virgil Speech on his campaign for Lt. Governor

Terry believes he can win, people unhappy with Dems and Republicans right now. Terry has 3 main points: Smaller State government, Flat and Fair income tax and the double corporate income tax under Gov Doyle must go. Additionally

Terry is for: more local control in government, better treatment for Veterans and the Elderly, and ending the health care mandate.

Tim P. questioned Terry on advocating giving to one group by taking from another. Ben wants him to differentiate between Vets who have served in battle vs. those who have not. Tim N. recommends leading with the tax issue and propose alternatives.

Tim P and Tim N to work with Terry and collaborate on forming issues for Terry's campaign.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report

The meeting minutes from the April 10 ExCom meeting and the General membership meeting were read by the Secretary. No corrections were noted. The new LNC representative is Diane ___ from IL, Tim P. recommends contacting her and asking if she can provide an LNC report as Julie has done. Membership report then given by Secretary. 190 total members, up slightly (11) since April but still very low. We need more outreach to attract new members.

An Affiliate report was given by the Secretary and the ExCom members who are chairs of affiliates. The Secretary reported on Racine/Kenosha affiliate as reported by the chairman George Meyers. George reported that 4 candidates got enough signatures, one fell short. 3 of these are State assembly candidates (George Meyers – 61st, Dane Hoffman - 64th and Tony Decubellis – 62nd. Joe Kexel also in as 1st congressional district candidate. Ralph Klingsporn reported on activities in the Green Bay area. No candidate activity and no meetings, just a few phone calls so far. Ralph tried to recruit someone for 8th district Alternate rep, but the one person contacted hasn't returned calls. An attempt was made to contact Joe Marx of Green County affiliate, but 3 calls went unreturned.

The rest of the report was from the various chairs of the affiliates in attendance:

Dane County, Tim Nerentz (Dane County Chair, Tim S. was not present) reported that no formal meetings for a while. Meet every other week informally at the Ale Asylum which is well attended. Farmer's Market on the square attended for outreach, but things are slowing down now.

Todd Welch reported on Chippewa Valley activities. Working with Campaign for Liberty, meeting every other week (one for members, other for public) – these are well attended. Have had speakers in the past, hope for one at next meeting. Tom Woods to speak on nullification of Federal laws

Waukesha County, Tim Peterson reported on attending Freedom Fest in Las Vegas, he recommends a good book on Libertarian organizing (Refounding

America), David Nolan running for Senate and is against the new AZ immigration law. Tim has some fund raising ideas which he will share with Tim N., he has helped Todd on the Web site, he is working with Students for Liberty and recommends that organization, he recommends Cato Audio club - \$25/month. He is disappointed at level of activism in 5th district.

St. Croix Valley activity reported by Tim Krenz, Fairly dormant now, many emails are exchanged. Making connections, trying to get people more active.

Motion: Accept the Secretary Report

By: Jim M

Second: Tim N

Result: Carried

Treasurer Report

Tim Krenz reported on first 6 months of 2010 finances. Beginning of year: \$8720.72. Receipts: \$5003.87, Expenses: \$5715.23, Current Book balance: \$8009.53. Checking acct balance: \$6437.68 (minus \$21 check outstanding to Todd), Savings acct balance: \$1592.87. Convention added about \$1500 (admission plus fund raising). There are 199 new T-shirts, cost is \$7 each, will sell for \$20.

The Anchor Bank branch near Tim was sold, he may have to go to another bank. Checks are now RCU bank, but money still at Anchor.

PayPal account status uncertain; nonprofit and political party money must stay separate. There is ~\$137 locked into PayPal that we can't get to. Tim wants to dissolve and start fresh.

Tim P. asked for a one page report in writing, Tim K said he will do that.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report

By: Tim N

Second: Todd W

Result: Carried

Chairman Report

Chairman Ben Olson gave his report. He is running for State Assembly and said when elected, he will step down as Chairman. He will not serve on the ExCom after his term is over next April but will serve out his term (assuming he does not win assembly race). He stated he feels bad about lack of signatures for Governor and other races and group lack of effort as well as lack of communication among various groups. Tim P asked about lack of 1% for Lt. Governor, does it mean we need 10K signatures in 2012 to be on the ballot? Todd suggested that 1%of presidential vote in 2012 may get us back in. Ben stated that having some assembly wins is possible, and he hopes all are running to win and have a good

message. Hard working candidates got on the ballot (Terry V), but communication problems regarding who had how many signatures cost us some candidates getting on the ballot. Ben went to National LP convention in St. Louis, good to see so many like minded people in one place, but bad to see petty disagreements (such as punctuation in Platform changes). Glad to see W. A. Root on the LNC, he is very visible promoting libertarianism. Committees to do various tasks has been a good development, He questions why his leadership is needed and how we can get better as a group. The no dues for membership has not worked out well so far. He wants each district rep to get to know each member in his district but DB not current for member contact info. Todd commented that 95% of people don't want to be active or involved. Tim P suggested that we need many more members and ones with deep pockets and there are not enough of those out there. Maybe we avoid statewide races and concentrate on local (assembly, etc.) Discussion ensued regarding difficulty in gaining members, Reps and Dems have many more resources.

Motion: Accept the Chairman report

By: Tim K.

Second: Jim M.

Result: Carried

Committee Reports

The Judicial committee (Tim Peterson,) reported no new activity.

The Platform committee (Paul E.) had no report as Paul was not present.

Secretary (John G) to contact Paul about getting the new Platform as voted on at the State convention to Todd W who will get it onto the LPWI web site.

The Business committee (Tim N., chair, Tim P., Tim K, Kevin K.) . reported on activities. Todd W reported that more members are signing up for newsletter on web site. Todd will make use of petitions on website to get contact info. Tim N asked Todd if contributions to candidates doable via web site, Todd will look into it. He also asked if appeal to join LPWI could be put into an e-letter. Todd said yes, Tim K to create the e-letter, Todd to send out. Tim N disappointed that indirect marketing (such as his Blog) has not done more since it goes to thousands of people. Tim N to donate 100 copies of his book "Tooth Fairy Government" to help with fund raising.

The Campaign committee (Brad S., chair, Don Carlson., Todd W., Joel Royal, Chris Wainscott) did not have a report since Brad not present. Brad is reportedly a Republican candidate for State Assembly, and will be stepping down from Milwaukee affiliate chair position as a result. Ben wants us to discuss reorganizing this committee for Spring elections at next ExCom meeting (since needs of running candidates different from trying to get candidates on the ballot).

.LNC Report

Julie Fox no longer the LNC representative, so no LNC report. Tim P suggested contacting the new

representative (Diane _____ from IL) in hopes of getting a report for our ExCom meetings.

Old Business

Discussion of Answering 800 number

Tim K and Ben are currently getting the 800 number calls. Some one called and didn't get a return call (Tim K did get the call, but it was a complaint so he didn't return the call)

Liberty Action Status

Todd K was at Miller park and did help collect signatures, he seems to want to return to helping the LPWI in some capacity. No follow up action indicated.

Tim K. to stay on as Treasurer

Tim K stated he will complete his term as Treasurer (until State convention next April)

New Business

Terry Virgil's campaign for Lt. Governor

Ben asked Terry what funds are needed and for what purposes. Terry indicated just Press releases for now, maybe yard signs later, possibly a DVD mailer. Business cards can be obtained for free at Vistaprint.com – Terry will obtain campaign business cards from this site.

Tim P asked if we are sure he is on the ballot since we have no candidate for Governor. Ben to find out and let Terry know (after this meeting it was verified that Terry is on the ballot, with 'None' as candidate for Governor). Ben indicated that up to \$1000 will be available for the campaign, but for now just get it on the Website and do a Press release. Jim M suggested a fund raiser for campaign as an e-letter since we need to get 1% for ballot access. Todd W suggested a general fund that is distributed to candidates as needed.

Ben indicated that we will decide where funding is needed later for Terry's campaign, we need to outline expenses first.

Miscellaneous

There were over 900 signatures gathered for Craig Mohn by others – Tim P got 500, Ben got 100 and Terry got 100.

Jim M, Ben and Will L are all running for assembly, all could use donations for the campaign.

Next Excom Meeting:

The next Excom meeting to be held on Oct 9th (Sat) at 12:30 PM in Portage. Ben will look into acquiring a venue for the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

At approximately 3:45 PM, the following motion was made

Motion: This Excom meeting is adjourned

By: John G.

Second: Tim N

Result: Carried