

Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Sunday, September 19, 1999
As approved

Location:

Date: Sunday, September 19, 1999
Time: 1:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m. (1:10- 6:00)
Place: KKLA Radio
701 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 550
Glendale, CA

In attendance:

Officers:	Mark Hinkle Rodney Austin Ted Brown Eric Lund Sandi Webb	Chair Northern Vice Chair Southern Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary
At-Large Reps:	José Castañeda Perry Martin John Scott Ballard	Vice Chair, Region 65, LA - Southeast Chair, Region 36, San Bernardino
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Jonathan Richter Steve Alexander	ExCom Alternate #1 ExCom Alternate #2
Regional Reps:	David Larkin Paul Marsden	LA/San Fernando Valley Region 61 Orange County Region 30
Alternates:	Joe Dehn	Region 43, Santa Clara
“Employees”:	Juan Ros	Executive Director, LPC
Others:	Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Councilmember Moreno Valley George White, Chair, Region 67 Brian Lee Cross, Chair LPOC Doug Scribner, Vice Chair LPOC, Region 30 Mark Hilgenberg, Secretary LP San Fernando Valley	

Absent: Elizabeth Brierly, Steve Marsland, Philip Zoebisch, Tom Spielbauer, Terry Floyd

1. Call meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda changes: Move agenda item 9a up to 4f. Add item 6c access of lists for candidates.
Add discussion of access to membership lists, PGP 9d.
Add 9e endorsement of John Ballard.

Agenda approved as modified.

3. Approval of Minutes

Correct misspelled names, Cullene Lang, Jon Petersen. Correct heading date. Item 8a change to "Joe Dehn volunteered to create a list for discussion of region business." Correct misspelled words seconded, status and Hitachi. Remove Jonathan Richter's name from the attendance list.

Vote: Passed voice vote.

4. Officers Reports

4a. Chair: Mark Hinkle gave the report. (1:34 - 1:37 p.m.)

Mark reported that he was spending a great deal of time on fund-raising. Mark asked the representatives to talk to their regions about the monthly pledge program which has been going for some time. He stated that he had sent out an email message to all regional chairs asking them to participate. He stated that the breakdown of funds is 75 % to the region and the rest to the LPC. Mark expressed concern as to the low number of major donors. He stated that we need to expand that list. He stated that we essentially have only three or four people on that list. He stated that he needed the regional representatives' help in identifying those people that could be added to the list. Mark feels that there is money out there, we just need to approach the right people.

4b. Northern Vice Chair: Rodney Austin gave the report. (Written report) (1:37 - 1:42 p.m.)

Rodney stated that he was pleased with the Chairs Caucus. He was pleased with the response with respect to the number of people attending. He stated that he believes that this event will become a permanent event on the Libertarian calendar. Rodney stated that he had tapes of seminars from the event. He stated that he would like to make the tapes available to those who were unable to attend the event, but he is unsure how to do this.

Rodney stated that the new county region, Lake County, passed a provisional separation from Mendocino County. He stated that Lake County had an organizational meeting. He further stated that work is continuing on getting Mendocino County, Merced County and Tulare County organized.

4c. Southern Vice Chair: Ted Brown gave the report. (1:42 - 1:44 p.m.)

Ted Brown stated that he had had to suspend his Southern Vice Chair's activities for three or four months while he recruited candidates. He stated that there is a new LPLAC chairman, Rodger Rosie. Ted stated that unfortunately the chair of Kern County, Bob Sheckler, died of cancer a few weeks ago. The new acting chair of that region is Jeff Laing.

4d. Treasurer: Eric Lund gave the Treasurer's report. (Balance Sheet handout) (1:44 - 2:15 p.m.)

Eric noted some minor changes to the spreadsheets that he had handed out. He stated that we are still in debt in the amount of approximately \$14,000 as of the end of August. Eric pointed out that most of this is dues owed to the regions. He stated that he had received a \$10,000 donation and had used that to payoff previous bills. He further stated that new bills have come in. Eric clarified that he had held up paying the regions their dues for July and August. \$2000 for Web Commanders has been renegotiated to \$1000 per month. However this is a restricted fund, and only money that was specifically raised for this purpose can be used. Currently only around the \$900 is in that fund.

Mark mentioned that Steve Marsland, chair of San Mateo County, had offered to go to his executive committee and ask for a loan of \$1000 from their region. Ted Brown suggested that we ask other regions. He stated that Santa Barbara County has about \$2000.

It was mentioned that perhaps Web Commanders and the Web page should be dropped. Mark noted that there were a couple of problems with this. One is that we made in agreement with them to pay them and they extended monies to do the program. Mark was able to renegotiate the monthly amount and spread it out. The second problem is that we have had major donors donate to fund the program. A question was raised as to when our legal obligation would end. Mark said it would be April.

It was suggested that the problem with the finances is in the revenue side.

Funding of the newsletter was discussed. Eric stated that the newsletter is solvent. The ads that are sold and the dues put the newsletter in the black.

Eric pointed out that the budget line-item "media relations" has a budgeted amount of \$2400. He stated that the bylaws only allow him to go over \$1000. He stated that we are now over that amount. He clarified that this line-item is for press releases and press clipping service. It was discussed that the options were either amend the budget or have Juan issue fewer press releases. Juan stated that it was difficult for him to tell how many press releases would be needed. He stated that it depends on what is going on.

Motion: Raise media relations fund to \$6000. Move \$1000 from Southern Vice Chair's Discretionary Fund, \$600 from Northern Vice Chair's Discretionary Fund, \$1000 from the Chair's Discretionary Fund, and \$1000 from "administrative other" to Media Relations fund.

Passed by voice vote. 1 nay

Mark noted that he was continuing to work on fund-raising. He stated that he was looking for a long-term solution to the problem and that he would appreciate any help that was given. Mark suggested that one of the things candidates can do in the upcoming election is handout membership forms to people who wish to help with their campaign. He stated that he has done this in the past and that it works.

Treasurers report approved.

4e. Executive Director: Juan Ros gave the Executive Director's report. (Written report) (2:36 - 2:48 p.m.)

Juan said that his report includes eight press releases since the last meeting. He stated that the number of people reached either through newspaper articles or radio was just under 5 million. He stated that he will begin tracking calls from the various news releases, what press releases are generating the most calls.

Juan stated that he felt the biggest victory was the killing of Senate Bill 365.

Juan stated that his report covered the upcoming convention and the prospective speakers.

4f. Hon. Bonnie Flickinger: (2:49 - 3:15)

Ms. Flickinger requested LPC ExComs' moral support for her Assembly race. Ms. Flickinger stated that she may need the party to run ads promoting the Libertarian Party within her district at the time of her race. She also stated that she may need volunteers.

Support was given.

Break 3:15-3:20

5. Standing Committees

~~5a. Reality Growth Plan report.~~ (No report given)

~~5b. Operations Committee Report:~~ (No report given)

5c. Style Committee. 3:20 -3:25

Move to post '99 platform as adopted. Mark will put out an e-mail vote on style committee.

6. Other Committee Reports

6a. Blue Ribbon Committee (No formal report) 3:25 - 3:28

Recall of the Sheriff of the county where Steve Kubby was arrested was discussed.

6b. Campaign 2000: (*Ted Brown*) 3:28 - 3:50

Ted Brown stated that he had been making hundreds of calls and was up to 108 candidates in partisan races. Ted stated that he had had a few people drop out when they saw the amount of work involved. Ted said that he was hoping to have a contested race in the primary for U. S. Senate as each candidate gets a free photo and statement in the ballot pamphlet. So far Gail Lightfoot is the only candidate for this race.

Ted noted that there are many bond issues and propositions on the primary ballot that we will want to take positions on.

6c. Lists for and to candidates: (*Joe Dehn*) 3:50- 4:08

There was a discussion of the extent to which membership data should be made available directly to candidates. Joe Dehn suggested that the ExCom establish a policy to provide candidates access to the list.

Motion: Steve Alexander moved that the Executive Committee declares that it trusts the officers' judgments on the issue of membership lists for candidates. John Ballard seconded. **Passed. 1 nay**

7. Evaluation of Standing Resolutions: 4:08 - 4:13

Copies of the current Standing Resolutions were handed out. It was noted that the Standing Resolutions have not been reviewed since Kim Goldsworthy was LPC Secretary.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

9a moved to 4f

9b Endorsement of California Three Strikes proposed initiative: 4:13 - 4:18 **Passed without dissent.**

9c Presidential Primary: 4:18 - 4:50

i. Selection of Candidates for primary ballot:

Mark Hinkle stated that state law allows the Secretary of State to determine who he/she thinks should go on the ballot. With third parties they defer to the party Chair. Mark requested that the ExCom make the

decision of who would be put on the primary ballot in California for the 2000 presidential election. Mark put forth several questions or options:

- Put no names on the ballot (we choose them at convention)
- What criteria should Mark use?
- What specific names should Mark submit?
- Suggested criteria - e.g., has candidate gone to any other state conventions.

It was noted that there are four or five people who have been identified publicly as candidates and have not said that they are *not* running. It was noted that the Secretary of can remove their names upon their requests. The following names were suggested:

Harry Browne
L. Neil Smith
Larry Hines
Dave Hollist
Kip Lee

Motion: Joe Dehn moved to include all 5 names. Ted Brown seconded.

Amend to include Ron Paul if he is willing. **Pass**

Amend to be at least *these* 5 names. **Pass**

Motion as amended: *Include at least these 5 names [but not be limited to]: Harry Browne, L. Neal Smith, Larry Hines, Dave Hollist, Kip Lee and Ron Paul if he is willing.* **Passed without dissent.**

ii. Criteria for candidate speaking slots at state convention 4:50 - 5:30

Mark stated not we needed some form of criteria for speaking events and packages for potential presidential candidates as opposed to just a debate. Many suggestions were put forth with no subsequent motions. Discussion then centered on criteria for a candidates' debate. Juan stated that he had already blocked out time for a presidential debate. The criteria used at the last national convention was discussed. To be included in debate at the convention, Presidential Candidates should get a certain number of signatures on a petition or be on the primary ballot in California. It was noted that there are only four seats at the debate, two on either side of the moderator.

Motion: Rodney Austin moved that we adopt as criteria that a candidate wanting to be in the debate must get 5 signatures of delegates who have not signed any other candidates petitions. Seconded.

Eric Lund moved to amend to include people who have bought a package. Seconded. **Pass.**

~~Motion to table by Ted Brown.~~ Failed for lack of a second.

Motion as amended: Adopt criteria that a candidate wanting to be in the debate must get 5 signatures of delegates or those who have bought convention packages who have not signed any other candidates' petitions to be included in the debate.

Rodney Austin moved to amend the number to be 15. Seconded. **Passes 1 nay** (Joe Dehn)

Motion as amended: *Adopt criteria to require 15 signatures of delegates and/or those who have bought convention packages who have not signed any other candidate's petitions to be included in the debate.* **Passes 2 nay** (Joe Dehn and Ted Brown)

9d. Membership lists from state party PGP: 5:30 - 5:50

Dave Larkin volunteered to contact all regions and see what the status of membership lists and inquiries are.

9e. Endorsement of candidate: John Scott Ballard, candidate for 42nd Congressional District.

Motion: Ted Brown moved to endorse John Scott Ballard for this special election. **Pass**

10. Next meeting: Next meeting to be in San Jose. **Sunday, November 21, 1999.**

11. Adjourned: 6 P.M.