Board Minutes - May 2017

Email Motions Passed
Spend $25 to boost Denver Meetup Facebook exposure.
Spend $25 to boost Cinco de Mayo Facebook exposure.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

April 2017 minutes were approved.

Attendees: Wayne Harlos, Richard Longstreth, John Hjersman, Eric Mulder, Kim Tavendale, Kevin Gulbranson, Daniel Lutz, Michael Stapleton, David Aitken, Caryn Ann Harlos, Mike Spalding, Frank Atwood, Blake Huber, Michele Poague, Bruce Griffith, Clayton Casciato, and Bob Marshall

Public Comment
Frank Atwood - CRC Liaison information. Marijuana debate at CCU. Tomorrow at Bemis there will be a strategy meeting at Bemis Library

Director's Reports
Chair - Wayne Harlos - nothing to add to his report

Vice Chair - Richard Longstreth - Richard added that Delta County was non-compliant because they haven’t put their documents online. He asked if we would be willing to link to county affiliate documents from our website.

Treasurer - John Hjersman - John reported that they spent $128 for a replacement Easy Up for Cinco de Mayo. They also collected $105 in donations. He passed around a draft budget.

Fundraising - Eric Mulder - In addition to his report, he’s going to start calling some of our big money donors.

Campaigns - Kim Tavendale - We have 3 prospective candidates, including Michael Stapleton for Pueblo City Council. Spalding noted that we have a resident City Council expert. Tavendale listed
many people interested in running state legislature campaigns. She is still looking for candidates for other positions. Richard asked if there was a Google Docs spreadsheet. Kim will check the sharing attributes of an existing sheet. The Joe Johnson full slate project was discussed. Caryn Ann moved and Daniel seconded to invite Johnson to pitch at the June board meeting.

Outreach - Kevin Gulbranson - Kevin reported that the Cinco de Mayo outreach was very successful and yielded many contacts. He noted that they had plenty of volunteers throughout the weekend. In June we have People’s Fair and Pridefest. Gulbranson has already signed up volunteers for these events. David Aitken asked for the list of over 100 people who left contact info. Bruce Griffith asked of the Sugar Beets festival.

Regions - Daniel Lutz - Lutz added two things to his report. Dolores county may be able to join a local parade. In Boulder they are going to staff a booth at the University. They are looking for younger folks to help. Caryn mentioned that she has made parade banners for as little as $15.

Legislative - Michael Stapleton - Michael added that as of today, the legislature will pass an end run around TABOR. Again they are designating a tax as a fee.

Membership - Steve Gallant - via Spalding, Steve asked for specifications for the newsletter. Unfortunately no consensus was reached. Caryn agreed to send some examples of old newsletters to Steve. Longstreth asked that we move this to a committee.

Communications - Caryn Ann Harlos - she had nothing to add to her report. But Harlos noted that only about 2 of 10 volunteers actually work out.

Records - Mike Spalding - nothing to add to his report. He deferred other items to new business.

LNC Region - Caryn Ann Harlos - The April LNC meeting yielded a platform committee position for Colorado. Caryn noted that it is important that we continue to encourage folks to sign up with National. We are officially supporting the Cuban Libertarian group.

Committees
Technology - Clayton Casciato - Clayton is experimenting with improving the video quality.

Convention - Caryn Ann heard that some people felt the moderator did not give equal deference to the female panel member.

Unfinished Business
New Member Mailing - Caryn Ann noted that it has been a year since we received $400 in donations for this project. Wayne suggested that membership and Fundraising work on this. Spalding noted that he has contact info from new meetup members.

New Business
Business Plans - Wayne Harlos - He thanked everyone for producing business plans and promised to get in touch with each member to follow-up.
Affiliate Groups - Richard Longstreth - He advocated developing a policy for handling non-responsive affiliate groups. Wayne Harlos advocated developing relationships with the leaders before we issue a list of requirements. Kim recommended an affiliate head gathering at the next convention.

Email Votes - Wayne Harlos - Wayne pointed out that votes are only available for 3 days. He encouraged board members to check their email regularly.

Media Action Team - Wayne Harlos - We've had some success having members, especially Jay, write editorials. Caryn Ann pointed out that we have an offer of a regular column. Michael Stapleton mentioned that there is a new Voluntaryist publication looking for articles.

Applications for LNC Platform Committee - Richard Longstreth - We have a position and need a process for selecting our representative. Caryn Ann asked that we have an open call and send out a questionnaire to interested applicants. She also advocated that we wait until the last minute in order to reduce the time available to the Platform Committee. Richard asked that we finish the process by August. Longstreth moved that we have an application ready by July. Kim seconded and it passed without objection.

Applications for Platform and C&B Committee - Richard Longstreth - He asked if we should have a formal process or just allow people to submit their names. Caryn Ann asked if we needed to appoint committees so early and she suggested we solicit state and national positions simultaneously. Richard will move forward with this process now.

Western Slope Summit - Richard Longstreth - Folks in the Western Slope area have mentioned that they are isolated. A Summit would allow us to connect. Lutz reminded us that a mini-convention would use a lot of resources for a few people. Aitken reminded us that we had held a successful one-day event in Dillon. Spalding mentioned that we were unsuccessful when we held a convention in Montrose. Wayne asked Daniel to talk to some of the Western Slope affiliates to set up a board meeting.

Sign Waves - Caryn Ann Harlos - Caryn Ann proposed that we stage some Libertarian based sign waves. A tax day event generated many thumbs up. Kim Tavendale asked about progressive dinner parties at various restaurants.

History Project - Caryn Ann Harlos - The records are now in Parker. Beatrice will help with the local records. Gulbranson asked what to do with the older signs and other historical items. Eric Mulder suggested these be sold to raise funds.

Recruiting Volunteers - Caryn Ann Harlos - Caryn Ann requested that if anyone wants volunteers, they just need to ask and to commit that they will use the volunteers.

Button Making Supplies - Caryn Ann Harlos - Spalding will bring these to the next board meeting.
NationBuilder Use - Caryn Ann Harlos - Jay has closed on his house and he can handle NationBuilder training.

Regional Representative - Daniel Lutz - The metro region currently has 3 promising groups. He wants to set up a structure of regional representatives for areas. The chair asked that he send ideas via email to the board.

9pm Kim Tavendale moved that we extend the meeting by 10 minutes. This passed without objection.

Elimination of Nationbuilder Fees - Wayne Harlos - He favors that we help them rather than charge them. Wayne proposed that we eliminate the $15/month access fee. Spalding moved that we stop collecting Nationbuilder fees (access and hosting). John Hjersman pointed out that we are only collecting $60/month. Tavendale seconded the motion. Longstreth expressed concern for the integrity of the database. Caryn Ann moved that we amend this to require access be subject to a procedure to be determined in the future. Daniel Lutz seconded. Caryn Ann called the question. This passed without objection. The amendment vote was No: Vice, Records, Campaigns, Yes: Treasurer, Outreach, Legislative, Regions, Communications. Passed.

We adjourned before the Main motion was voted on.

Daniel moved 5 minutes

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

The following agenda items were not addressed:

Mike Krause Initiative (Records)
Recall Initiative Opportunity (Records)

Spending Motions Approved
None