

LPWI Excom Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 9th, 2010, Shooters, Rt CX.,
Portage, WI

Meeting called to order at about 12:00 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

Terry Grey – At Large

Paul Ehlers, At Large

Jim Sewell - 1st District Representative (Alternate)

Tim Peterson – 5th District Representative (Primary)

Non-Excom members attendees:

Terry Virgil (Lt. Governor Candidate)

Patti Stemwedel. (Green-Bay area, 2010 LPWI convention coordinator)

Pamela Owens

Greg ?? (guest from Constitution Party)

Excom Positions Absent:

Tim Szc - 2nd District Representative (Alternate, no Primary)

Todd W / Randy P - 3rd District Representation

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, 8 voting members were present

Officer Reports:

Chairman Report

Chairman Ben Olson gave his report. (Some of it is not in these minutes since Secretary was late). Ben stated that LPWI needs a full slate of candidates to do well, and we do not have that

Too many special interest groups out there, and a lot of State funding for them, so too much power for 2 major party candidates. Ben has been focusing on his campaign. Focus has been general, continuing to get the word out He hopes our candidates affect who wins each race so we get more public notice. Republicans will be expected to produce after Nov. 2, LPWI needs to start now for 2012 elections and we hopefully will be noticed more when Republicans do not produce. Odds are we will not get 1% on Lt. Gov race, we will have to deal with that. We have from Jan1 to June 1 of 2012 to get 10K signatures to be back on the WI ballot. Tim P. has door hangers from LP, encourages other to order 500 of these, Only \$5 per 100 hangers. He has stamped ones he has for contact info, can staple Terry's card to them. Jim M. stated he is doing same thing for his campaign, suggested getting the hangers for LPWI inventory. Terry V. has 2000 of them, he is handing them out with his Lt. Gov campaign info.

Secretary Report

The meeting minutes from the July 18 2010 ExCom meeting were read by the Secretary. No corrections were noted.

Motion: Accept the Minutes as read by the Secretary

By: Tim P

Second: Terry G

Result: Carried

The membership report was given by the Secretary. There are 201 current members, down just 4 since Oct '09.

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 are busy getting out literature (George Meyers – 61st, Dane Hoffman - 64th and Tony Decubellis – 62nd. Joe Kexel - 1st congressional district). Candidate forum on 10/28 at Parkside which 4 candidates will attend. Working on a general statement of goals and direction for Libertarians. Joe Marx of Green County reports his group is helping Terry Virgil campaign as well as libertarian leaning republicans. They meet downtown for beers and try to sign people up. Tim Szc of Dane Co. affiliate reported by phone that annual LPDC held this summer, that Farmer's market on the square is used for outreach each Saturday AM, LPDC Treasurer Kevin K moved to Boston. Just a few meetings over the summer, were meeting monthly. Todd Welch, chair of Chippewa Valley affiliate reported by phone that they hold monthly public meetings and had Rob Taylor spoke (constitution party candidate), no candidates in area so nothing there. The rest of the report was from the various chairs of the affiliates in attendance. Tim P reported on district 5 activity – he is excited about LP door hangers and the different groups he works with as well as Terry V's campaign. Tim K. reported on St. Croix Valley – no meetings, but contact by phone, email and one on one meetings. Paul E reported on North Country affiliate – Will Losch is a GREAT candidate, he is running to win, Paul helping in campaign. Will getting good play fro Press, doing door hangers and have T-shirts, rejected money with strings. Over 4K raised and spent, Eagle River fund raiser upcoming in a week.

Ralph K not in attendance, but Patti S reported no activity currently in Green Bay area.:

Treasurer Report

Tim Krenz reported on the period from July 1 to Oct 9 of 2010 finances. Beginning of Period: \$8017.66. Receipts: \$853.28, Expenses: \$2112.20, Current Book balance: \$6759.89. Checking acct balance: \$6437.68 (RCU), \$1913.86 (Anchor), Savings acct balance: \$1652.03 (RCU). A

written report was handed out. Tim has been using two people to help with work and handed out their resumes. Tim will talk about a questions sheet he handed out after the meeting.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report

By: Paul E

Second: Terry G

Result: Carried

Committee Reports

The Judicial committee (Tim Peterson,) reported no new activity. He said if anybody has Constitution or By=laws changes, get them to him in writing.

The Platform committee (Paul E.) said he will check with Will L for his notes on the Platform changes approved by membership at April convention. If Will doesn't have the results, Secretary will create the Platform document from his notes and present to ExCom for approval.

The Business committee (Tim P., Tim K) . reported on activities. Patti S. said her husband may volunteer for this committee. Ben to contact him and add to the committee if he volunteers. **Web site** – Ben will look at templates of other states (Ohio) for ideas for LPWI site, possibly get other people to help with LPWI site. **Outreach** – Paul E said Will L has done a lot of this, may have ideas. Tim P holds a party 2 times a year for recruiting, suggested door knob hangers are a great recruiting tool, should give a task to new contacts to keep interest. **Fund Raising** – Tim P says looking for ways to do this, T-shirts are not selling. Terry G said we need more raffles. **Membership** – Ben wants to end the no cost memberships, discussion ensued. Tim P agrees. Paul E stated no one who isn't a current member knows of no cost membership. John G stated we need to act now if we are going to do something since annual renewal letter goes out before we meet again.

Motion: Reinstate the \$25 fee for annual LPWI membership for next year

By: Tim P

Second: Terry G

Result: Carried

Jim M showed a kit he bought for \$50 which is a large version of the Libertarian quiz plus smaller quiz cards, other info. He offered to give other candidates access. Paul E may want for Eagle River fund raiser in a week.

The Campaign committee (Brad S., chair, Don Carlson., Todd W., Joel Royal, Chris Wainscott) Brad not present, but Ben stated he will be coming back so wait for reforming the committee. Tim P said Brad has a fund raiser tomorrow (Oct 10), and that Brad has stated no better support from Republican state party than LPWI – he is on his own. Tim P suggested candidates make a written proposal to ExCom to raise funds for their campaigns if there is a return on investment (new members, etc.). Paul E suggested every candidate get \$100 for campaign. Tim P suggested email to each candidate on LPWI website offering \$100 (if each has a website, does appearances, has campaign committee or treasurer). Instead of email, Tim P to contact Leroy Watson, Jim S to contact 4 candidates in his area, rest are here (Will L to be contacted by Paul E).

Motion: LPWI to provide \$100 for each active LPWI candidate, plus as many door hangers as desired. Cap is \$900 (9 candidates max).

By: Tim P

Second: Paul E

Result: Carried

.LNC Report

The new representative (Diane Visek from IL) was emailed recently and asked if she would provide an LNC report for the ExCom, but no response as yet. Ben believes she is not active.

Old Business

Discussion of Answering 800 number

Tim K and Ben are currently getting the 800 number calls. There are 5 extensions, 3 go to Tim, rest to Ben. Very few calls. Ben is OK for now getting these calls.

Motion: Patti Stemwedel to be the alternate representative for District 8

By: Tim P

Second: Terry G

Result: Carried

New Business

Terry Virgil campaign for Lt. Governor

Terry has doorknob hangers for his campaign, he gave to Excom members for distribution before first Tuesday in November. He is doing this work himself as well.

Replacing ExCom members in 1st and 2nd districts

Nothing on replacing Brad as 1st district rep. 2nd district primary rep was Tim Nerenz who has moved.

Motion: Terry Virgil to be the primary representative for District 2

By: Tim P

Second: Paul E

Result: Carried

Next Excom Meeting:

The next Excom meeting to be held at Tomah at Tee Pee Supper club in Jan 2011 at a date to be determined. Ben will consult football playoff schedules before determining the date. (Note: Ben established the date as Sat, Jan)

Meeting Adjourned:

At approximately 3:20 PM, the following motion was made

Motion: This Excom meeting is adjourned

By: Paul E.

Second: Patti S

Result: Carried