# MINUTES OF 7/7/2019 MEETING OF THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, INC. (VIA TELECONFERENCE)

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Glogowski Chair Kari Bittner Vice Chair Jeff Motta Vice Chair William Schmidt Secretary Richard Bell Richmond Fred Cole Capital District Onondaga Millie Dordal Mike Dowden Nassau **Edward Garrett** Erie Paul Grindle At Large Jim Harris Suffolk Andrew Kolstee Chautauqua Peyton Kunselman Cattaraugus Steve Minogue At Large Lora Newell Schoharie Peter Olausson Steuben Sean Phelan Monroe Gary Popkin Brooklyn Mark Potwora Genesee

Jim Rosenbeck Immediate Past Chair Gary Triestman Hudson Valley

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Duane Whitmer Treasurer **Aaron Commey** Oueens Jan Erik Janson **Hudson Valley** Mike McDermott At Large Chris Olenski At Large Westchester Mark Rosen Ilva Schwartzburg Manhattan Blay Tarnoff Nassau Chase Tkach At Large

# **OBSERVERS**

Jim Dayton Wayne TCC Maura Botsford Oswego

Unidentified (2)

Chair Mark Glogowski called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and gave a brief report indicating that it was his opinion that the organization should "go dark" until the November In Person Meeting other than for purposes of revising the Bylaws, in particular Article 8, adding restrictions on what candidates may qualify for funds from the FLP.

Secretary William Schmidt reported that a quorum was present and indicated that the minutes of 5/5/19 and 6/2/19 were distributed to all of the members 2 weeks previously. Based upon some suggested corrections, which had been received about an hour before the start of this meeting, he indicated that those will be taken under advisement and the minutes will be resubmitted for approval, to include any of the suggested amendments that the Secretary deemed agreeable.

The Treasurer's report was read by Chair Mark Glogowski in Duane Whitmer's absence based upon an e-mail he sent to the Chair. It indicated there is currently a balance of \$19,387.35 in the FLP account and that we are awaiting a decision from the State Department of Labor regarding the unemployment compensation claim made against the corporation. It further indicated that Mike Dowden was owed \$9.75 for a reimbursable expense and a motion by Andrew Kolstee was passed to reimburse that expense accordingly.

Convention Report was given by Andrew Kolstee. So far, Cattaraugus is the sole bid for the November convention although Capital District has also expressed an interest. He recommended that \$1,000 be advanced for expenses to secure a convention site, and a motion by Andrew Kolstee to that effect was passed.

IT Transition Report: Mr. Kolstee said that the transfer of the FLP website to the Libertarian Party of New York Interim State Committee and it's subsidiary committees was in process and that the Facebook group has been transformed into an informal discussion group. After extensive discussion about this matter, Chair Mark Glogowski made a motion to "Offer the transfer of all physical and digital property (with the exception of Free Conference Call, treasury and associated financial accounts, and all corporate documents) to the New York State Libertarian Interim State Committee". An amendment by Andrew Kolstee to offer the Divisional Structure to the Interim State Committee was debated and failed. The original motion carried.

Final Division Reports: Andrew Kolstee gave his resignation as Communications Director and a motion was passed to accept same. Chairman Mark Glogowski announced that he was dismissing all remaining subcommittee chairs except for the convention committee. [Note: The Divisions, Committees, and Subcommittee personnel were not dismissed until a later meeting when the State Committee conducted a proper vote.]

Corporate Name (DBA Status): Jim Harris made a motion to change the corporate "DBA" name to Libertarian Advocates of New York. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

By-Law Changes: In light of the changed status of the corporation (as a result of the Libertarian Party of New York gaining ballot access status), Chair Mark Glogowski made a motion to strike Article 8 from the by-laws pertaining to endorsements of candidates as being no longer applicable. Motion carried.

Change of Titles: Further regarding the corporation's changed status, Chair Mark Glogowski introduced a motion to change the following corporate titles: from Chair to President, Vice Chair to Vice President, and State Committee to Board of Directors. The motion carried.

Dissolution: Fred Cole presented a motion that reads as follows: "Whereas the Free Libertarian Party of New York has accomplished it's mission to gain ballot access, it is the policy of this committee to pursue dissolution and present a resolution to dissolve the corporation to the general membership at the November 2019 Convention. The motion carried.

Transfer of Funds: in order to assist the funding needs of the New York State Libertarian Party, Millie Dordal introduced a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the FLP financial account to the LPNY ISC. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William K Schmidt Secretary Amended December 8, 2019