Minutes of ExCom Meeting
Saturday, June 1, 2002
Not yet approved

Minutes

Date: June 1, 2002
Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Place:

In attendance:

Officers:	Aaron Starr	Chair
	Rodney Austin	Northern Vice Chair
	Mark Selzer	Southern Vice Chair
	Sandi Webb	Secretary
At-Large Reps:	Ted Brown	
	Doug Scribner	
	Shree Rajan	
	Donna Nowland	
	Jonathan Zwickel	
Alternate At-Large Reps:	Bruce Dovner	ExCom Alternate #1
	Daniel Wiener	ExCom Alternate #2
Regional Reps:	Wayne Grau	Region 30
	Philip Heath	Region 66
Alternates:	Paul Studier	Region 30
	Steve Cicero	Region 37
Staff:	David Molony	Executive Director, LPC

Visitors: Paula Kaylyn, Region 66

Absent: Lori Adasiewicz, LPC Treasurer; Frank Manske, Region 1; Mark Hinkle, Region 43.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 10:17.

2. Public Statements

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended.

4. Approve Minutes

a) April 6, 2002 Executive Committee Minutes. Moved and seconded to approve. Approved.
b) May 4, 2002 Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes. Approved.

5. Consent Calendar

No items.

6. Officers Reports

a) Chair - Aaron Starr

Aaron reported that the Adopt-a-Newspaper project is making good progress. He reported that fundraising for Operation Breakthrough was behind. He said he had not had time to spend on the convention and Lori had to be out of town; he was expecting to have her work on the legal portion of the contract. The seating at the next convention

was discussed. It was decided to stick with the stadium seating that was agreed on at the May meeting. Speakers for the convention were discussed. Aaron said that he wanted the ExCom to pick them as much as possible.

b) Northern Vice Chair - Rodney Austin

Rodney reported that the activity in the north was normal. He reported that the Mountain View tax protest was having difficulty getting signatures. Aaron said that Gilroy only needs 300 signatures and they may go ahead with theirs.
Rodney wanted to thank Fred Mangels for his work on websites. He said that Fred has been setting up generic sites for regions.
Merced has had a couple of meetings. They have all been informal to date. The last one had 10 people.
He said that the work for the tax protest is starting in Sanger.
Burton Day has been made Chair Pro Tem in Yolo.
Wayne Williams is Chair Pro Tem in Eldorado/ Alpine.

c) Southern Vice Chair - Mark Selzer

Mark said that he was trying to do damage control for Gary Copland. He said that Gary is debating the Green candidate and the greens love him. He said that he was trying to get Bakersfield active. Ryan Gifford has been appointed Chair Pro Tem of Bakersfield. He said that San Bernardino has been having problems with a member that is disrupting the meetings.
Wayne Grau gave an update on how the signature gathering is going in Irvine.

d) Secretary - Sandi Webb

Nothing to report.

e) Treasurer - Lori Adasiewicz

Aaron Starr gave the treasurers report after lunch.

f) Executive Director – David Molony

David reported that Linda was leaving the office. Donna asked what was being done to fill her position. David said that he was still looking at alternatives. Aaron said that there was one person who was now a volunteer who will probably take it for the summer. David said that the volunteers had worked over 555 hours sense January.
He said that he signed up 17 new members at a booth at a convention. He said that the best result was to just ask people rather than only asking to send information.
He spoke on Operation Breakthrough 2.0. He updated the ExCom on fundraising. He has been working with Gail Lightfoot on the 2003 Convention.

7. Old Business

a) 2004 LPC Convention

Donna said that she was working on the RFP. She reported that there has not been a lot of record keeping and she is still doing research. David will put a notice in the next newsletter that we are looking for contractors for the 2004 convention. Donna is working on a form that the ExCom can use to evaluate the bids when we get them.

b) Operation Breakthrough

Aaron Starr said that it has been a challenge. He is taking a month off to work on it. He said that they have raised $9000. He said that the way they were doing it was asking people to pledge based on how many victories we get. The problem is this doesn't get any money up front. He said that he is going to lend the project $10,000. He will do fundraising based on this approach.
He said that the win rate so far has been three wins per 100 candidates.
Motion: Rodney moved to approve a resolution for fundraising.

Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for operation Breakthrough in 2002

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California desires to elect more Libertarians to non-partisan offices in 2002; and

Whereas, the Party is having difficulty raising contributions in 2002 to fund its successful candidate recruitment effort, Operation Breakthrough;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Party is authorized to borrow from the Chair and others funds not exceeding $70,000 for Operation breakthrough with the express understanding that the

source of repayment can only be from funds pledged or donated for Operation Breakthrough on or before December 31, 2002; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Party authorizes the Chair, if necessary, to offer a return on investment in excess of the repayment of funds loaned to the party by others for Operation Breakthrough, but not for funds loaned by the Chair.

ExCom Rep	**Vote**
Officers	
Aaron Starr	Yes
Mark Selzer	Yes
Rodney Austin	Yes
Lori Adasiewicz	Absent
Sandi Webb	Yes
At-Large Reps	
Jonathan Zwickel	Abstain
Ted Brown	Yes
Doug Scribner	Yes
Shree Rajan	Yes
Donna Nowland	Yes
At-Large Alternates	
Bruce Dovner, #1	
Dan Wiener, #2	

Region Reps	**Vote**
Frank Manske, Region 1	
Terry Floyd, alternate R1	
Wayne Grou, Region 30	Yes
Paul Studier, Region alternate 30	
JR (nobody) Graham, Region 37	
Steve Cicero, alternate R 37	Yes
RobRob, 2nd alternate R 37	
Mark Hinkle, Region 43	
Joe Dehn, alternate R43	
Philip Heath, Region 66	Yes
Al Carlan, alternate R 66	
Daniel Sherman, 2nd alternate R 66	

11 Yes; 1 Abstention; 3 absent. **Passed**.

Item 6(e) Treasurer's report.
Aaron gave the Treasurer's report.
He reported that the party has cash in the bank but that there were still obligations. He reported that after expenses we had about $2,000 left over. He said that we were running only slightly behind on the year to date budget. Dues revenues were behind.
Aaron asked for a motion to move $3000 expense from “Media Relations” to “Outreach” (under “Program Expenses”). Moved and seconded.

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12 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions. **Passed**

c) Legal fees related to Cullene Lang and Eric Lund

Aaron Starr updated the new members on this issue. He said that Bob Chatenever spent about 5 hours collecting the money. Aaron said he thought we could hold Eric Lund responsible.

Motion: Adopt resolution as worded.

Motion to amend: Rodney moved to strike the last whereas.

Aaron and Rodney came up with some different wording. **Failed**

Main Motion: **Passed**.

Resolution Finding Eric Lund Liable for Attorneys Fees in Connection with Collecting Money from Cullene Lang

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of California at its September 8, 2001 meeting suspended Cullene Lang's membership to the Party under Bylaw 3, Section 8 for cause in connection to her possessing Party money for which she did not have a rightful ownership; and

Whereas, former Treasurer Eric Lund issued checks to Cullene Lang outside of his authority as Treasurer; and

Whereas, the Party at its December 1, 2001 meeting censured Eric Lund for his incompetence as Party Treasurer in connection to checks being improperly issued Cullene Lang and suspended his membership for a period of one year; and

Whereas, Eric Lund and Cullene Lang share a common bank account and otherwise have commingled financial affairs; and

Whereas, Libertarian Bob Chatenever in his role as an attorney acting at our direction and on our behalf is largely credited for Cullene Lang repaying the money for which she did not have a rightful title; and

Whereas, Chatenever has requested that the Party attempt to collect the $900 he earned for the five hours of time he spent on behalf of the Party while graciously agreeing to not charge us for his services until this amount is collected; and

Whereas, but for the actions of Eric Lund, the Party would have never had to have sought the legal services of Bob Chatenever,

Therefor be it Resolved, that the Party finds Eric Lund to be liable for $900 for attorney fees, that a copy of this resolution be sent to him along with a letter requesting that he pay the money due within 30 days of receipt of the letter, and that any money collected up to $900 be remitted to Bob Chatenever.

8. New Business

a) November Ballot Propositions - Ted Brown

(1) SB 1227 Bond Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 [Opposition] **12 Yes; 0 No**

(2) AB 16 Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002 and 2004 [Opposition] **12 Yes; 0 No**

(3) 952 After School Programs. State Grant. [Opposition] **12 Yes; 0 No**

(4) 940 Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection. Bonds. [Opposition] **12 Yes; 0 No**

(5) 935 Transportation. Allocation of Sales and Use Taxes Raised From Sale or Lease of Motor Vehicles.

Motion: Sandi moved to take a position of "No Position" seconded.
Motion to substitute: Wayne moved to substitute a position of Opposition. Seconded.
Substitute motion passed.
Main motion: Take position of Opposition.

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Ted Brown	No
Doug Scribner	No
Shree Rajan	Abstain
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8 Yes; 3 No; 1 abstention; motion **Fails**

(6) 933 Classification By Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin, Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
No discussion of this measure.

(7) 936 Election Day Voter Registration.

Motion: Steve Cicero moved, Wayne seconded motion to take position of "no". 7-5 **fails**.
Motion: Ted moved, Philip seconded motion to take a position of "No Position". 5-4 **fails**.

The summary result of the above motions is that the Libertarian Party of California is formally opposed to measures SB 1227, AB 16, 952, and 940, and recommends a "NO" vote on those measures for the November 2002 election. At this time the LPC has taken no position on 935 or 936. (The LPC has previously indorsed 933.)

b) Formation of Credential Committee - Sandi Webb

Sandi explained the complications of having the LPC Secretary responsible for credentialing at the convention. She said that it was too much to have one person be responsible for taking the minutes and the credentials at the same

time. She suggested that the Executive Committee adopt a system similar to what the National Party uses at the National Conventions.
Motion: Doug moved to form a committee of 5 members chosen by the Executive Committee. The LPC Chair will choose a committee chair.
Motion to amend. Jonathan moved to add a requirement that the list of delegates be retained. Seconded. Passed.
Main motion. **Passed**.

9. Standing Committee Reports
- c) Budget Committee - Lori Adasiewicz - No Report
- d) Legislative Committee - Brian Lee Cross -No Report
- e) Membership Committee - Jonathan Zwickel –

Jonathon said that JR had posted a description of the committee. Aaron asked what the committee was going to do next. Aaron said that he needed a plan.

- f) Legal Committee - Closed Session - No Report
- g) Convention Oversight Committee - Donna Nowland

Donna said she needed a little more clarification of the tasks for this committee.

- h) Convention Committee - Wayne Nygren - No report
- i) Human Resources Committee - Lori Adasiewicz - No Report
- j) Style Committee - RobRob - No Report
- k) Audit Committee - Dale Ogden - No Report
- l) Partisan Candidate Support Committee - Jonathan Zwickel

Need a description and a plan.
Presented a written description. Announced plans for a generic candidates' brochure and template which would be available on the web. Rodney displayed tri-fold color brochure, which incorporates selectable issue panels. By next meeting will have final brochure, will do test of acceptability.

- m) Outreach Media ad hoc Committee – Shree

10. LNC Report - No report
11. Evaluation of Standing Resolutions
12. Next Meeting

Sept. 14th
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13. Special Presentations and Discussions
14. Adjourn