

Libertarian Party of North Carolina

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

11 May 2023

In Attendance:

Ryan Brown, Chair
Sean Haugh, Vice-Chair
Dee Watson, Secretary
Mike Ross, Treasurer
Christina Aragues, At large
Mac Browder, At large
Angela Humphries, At large
Nick Taylor, At large

Absent:

LPNC Guest members:

Stephen Sumner
Daniel Cavender
Timothy Conard
James Higgins
Phil Jacobson
Stephen DiFiore

Call to Order:

Ryan Brown calls the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Chair Report:

“Thank you all for coming tonight. I know many of you are volunteers and I appreciate all you are doing. Since our last meeting, we’ve continued our political and policy meetings and we’ve also had members go to the capitol to speak to some legislation and we have made some IT infrastructure changes that Timothy will be speaking to shortly. This weekend, we’ve also got a volunteer opportunity at the Buggy Festival in Carthage. If you’re interested, please reach out to Mac after this meeting and we’ll get your details.”

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.

Electronic Voting:

- Dee Watson moved that we cancel the April 27th, 2023 Executive Committee meeting, and schedule a hangout in its time slot. Seconded by Mike Ross

Yes: Ryan Brown, Sean Haugh, Dee Watson, Christina Aragues, Mac Browder, Angela Humphries, and Nick Taylor

No:

Abstain:

The motion passed 7-0-0

Treasurer Report:

Mike Ross gave the treasurer's report. It is an appendix to these minutes.

Officer and Director Reports:**Committee Reports:**

- Dee Watson made a motion to appoint Jamie Beckwith as a member of the Platform Committee. Seconded by Mac Browder. Passed without objection.
- Ryan Brown appointed Dee Watson as Chair of NOTA Committee without objection.
- Convention committee report - The LPNC Convention Committee has made the RFP for both the 2024 and 2025 conventions. All members are welcome to submit proposals.

2024 Submission Deadline: May 31, 2023

2025 Submission Deadline: July 31, 2023

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jok9XorJC-MxywdsF6cGMzAP7Ew5MBm-/view?usp=sharing>

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Timothy Conard [presented](#) an overview of the LPNC Virtual Private Server (VPS). James Higgins, and Brad Hessel are assisting him in IT. Bryce Acer is available on an emergency basis. With the OSTicket application up and running, please cease using admin@lpnc.org. Send an email to helpdesk@lpnc.org with appropriate elaboration for your request, then we'll triage and handle accordingly.
- Discuss working with Forward Party on ballot access - Mac Browder. The Vice Chair of the NC Forward Party has requested our help gathering signatures for ballot access. Mac wanted to make sure no one would have a problem if we did so

at the Carthage Buggy Festival.

- There was a discussion of a new proposed Party Organization structure [LPNC Staff, Live 2 - Google Sheets Party Organization - Google Slides](#) by Dee Watson. There is a proposal to create County Contacts [County Contacts - Google Docs](#) and Roaming Treasurers. This would form an informal network of party activists to organize at the local level. This would create a nimble network to assist candidates, and form affiliates as needed. Steven DiFiore expressed concerns that the affiliates teams processes were not taken into account, and Kim Acer had previously contacted the LPNC Executive Committee over concerns about the County Contact position. Chair Ryan Brown requested that all relevant Affiliate Documents that were referenced were sent to the Executive Committee. Dee Watson requested that all documents distributed have a time stamp prior to May 11, 2023, and it was agreed that that caveat would be added.
- The possibility of organizing more around Issue Coalitions was discussed. A new set of email forwarders for issues coalitions should be created. This will be done later when the rest of the structure is settled. A tab for Issue Coalitions can be created under the “Get Involved” section of the website. Also channels can be created in Mattermost for each Issue Coalition.
- The [LPNC Staff, Live 2 - Google Sheets](#) document is a precursor to the LPNC volunteer report. The spreadsheet is still evolving, but eventually we will create a policy and report structure for the LPNC volunteers.

Other Business:

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Adjournment at 8:43 PM EST.

Submitted by Dee Watson, Secretary

Treasurer's Report – 5/11/2023

Balances:

Truist Primary - \$33,491.35

Truist Federal - \$190.54 (still)

Income Statement (4/13 through 5/11)

ACCOUNTS	Apr 13, 2023 to May 11, 2023
Income	
Public Donations - PayPal (Net of Fee) ↗	\$803.07
Public Donations - Stripe (Net of Fee) ↗	\$152.75
Total Income	\$955.82
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit As a percentage of Total Income	\$955.82 100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Affiliates ↗	\$80.00
Events - State Fair ↗	\$1,400.00
Fundraising - Bank Fee ↗	\$8.75
Infrastructure - Cloud Server ↗	\$360.00
Infrastructure - Software ↗	\$71.99
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,920.74
Net Profit As a percentage of Total Income	-\$964.92 -100.95%

Budget Tracking:

LPNC 2023-2025 Term Budget
Budget Approved 4/13/2023

	<u>Spent \$</u>	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>% Spent</u>	<u>% Left</u>
Convention:	\$0	\$20,000	0.00%	100.00%
Events:	\$1,400	\$10,000	14.00%	86.00%
Infrastructure:	\$431.99	\$13,000	3.32%	96.68%
Affiliates:	\$80	\$7,000	1.14%	98.86%
Candidates:	\$0	\$7,000	0.00%	100.00%
Marketing:	\$0	\$1,000	0.00%	100.00%
Fundraising:	\$8.75	\$1,000	0.88%	99.13%
Administrative:	\$0	\$1,000	0.00%	100.00%
Total:	<u>\$1,921</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>3.20%</u>	<u>96.80%</u>

Donor Base (4/13 through 5/11):

PayPal

- Recurring Donors – 52 people, \$870 donated
- One Time Donors – None for this period

Stripe

- Recurring Donors – 5 people, \$160 donated
- One Time Donors – None for this period