

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Sunday, 23 July 2006

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met in *Wheaton Regional Park* in Wheaton, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 3:52 pm by chairman Dave Sten.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Robert Johnston III; and Stuart Simms. It validated that 15 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 49 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1 April 2006 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Michael Linder filed the April/May/June FEC reports.

Chair's Report: Dave Sten reports that the Board of Elections declined our nomination for Kevin Zeese because he is registered Green. The BoE accepted our nominations for David Titman and Charles McPeek. We have received an invitation to provide a booth at the *2006 Chesapeake Pride Festival* on Saturday, August 26th at the Historic London Town and Gardens (839 Londontown Road), in Edgewater, Maryland. The fee is \$50 and the Anne Arundel affiliate is currently inactive. Susan Gaztañaga volunteered to organize the event. The \$50 fee was approved for MdLP appropriation.

Nominations of Candidates for Statewide Office:

Steve Boone nominated, and Michael Linder seconded, William Steven Brohawn for Dorchester County Council district 3. Dave Sten had spoken with him and described his history and aspirations: a school-teacher, he had won the Democratic primary in 1994, but lost in the general election; this time he is running against a Democrat – there is no Republican in the race. He is currently in Maine and unable to attend this meeting; he was unanimously nominated by voice vote.

Dave Sten had received a telephone call from [Fred Nordhorn] someone (name unavailable, unaffiliated) running for PG county school board, which is a non-partisan race; he asked for an endorsement from us; Dave suggested he come to this meeting. He was not present, and the matter was referred to the Prince George's County LP Central Committee for action.

Bob Johnston was contacted by Andrew Sweiger (registered Libertarian), who wants to run for Garrett County Council; Bob invited him to attend this meeting. He has not yet filed with the BoE, and it is believed that the filing deadline has passed. Nick Sarwark nominated Mr. Sweiger and Stuart Simms seconded the nomination. 2 FOR, 12 NO = nomination rejected.

Raffle: Susan Gaztañaga reported that the Baltimore (City/County) LP is raffling a 45 semiautomatic Springfield gun, (worth over \$600) for \$5/ticket. The drawing will be on Sunday, October 8. The winner receives a voucher which a Dundalk firearms shop will honor after the required background check.

National Convention: Steve Boone gave a report on the July 1-2, 2006 National LP Convention. The Platform was modified and reduced from 61 to 15 planks. The Pledge and the preamble were retained. There were also some bylaws changes.

Officer Election: Steven Sass has resigned from the Executive Board. David Johnston was nominated and unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on a voice vote.

Membership report: Bob Johnston reported that there are 101 current members. We have 1965 party recertification signatures on-hand.

Adjournment: the Central Committee thanked Hadassah Aaronson for arranging the picnic. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

– Robert E. Glaser (these minutes are not yet approved by the Central Committee)