

# National Youth Rights Association Meeting Minutes 10/22/06

## Roll Call

### Present

Scott Davidson	(President)
Alex Hull-Richter	(Director)
Rich Jahn	(Secretary)
Adam King	(Vice President)
Alex Koroknay-Palicz	(Executive Director)
Keith Mandell	(Director)
Katrina Moncure	(Director)
Pamela Tatz	(Director)

### Absent

Jessica Campbell	(Director)
Zach Hobesh	(Treasurer)

## Agenda

1. Examination of Membership - what prizes will they be given?
2. Progress on LUV
3. Bylaws
4. Fundraiser?

## Reports

Adam King encouraged Alex Koroknay-Palicz to attend the Student Bill of Rights conference put on by the organization Our Education. More information is at <http://www.oured.org/pages/Students-Bill-of-Rights>. Adam also reported he finished reviewing Adam Fletchers curriculum guide, and that he felt it was geared more for a teacher than a student. Adam also had some suggestions for the NYRA website including moving the merch logo from the top of the home page and more NYRA news at the top. Katrina Moncure suggested removing the google map and media player, and Adam noted the page currently loaded very slowly on dialup. Adam submitted a full report by email.

Katrina Moncure commented about Alex Koroknay-Palicz's report on the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators. Alex reported NHTSA arguments were sound and that he could not reconcile the differences in conclusions between studies finding that increasing the drinking age reduced drunk driving and studies promoted by NYRA finding. Katrina suggested everyone educate themselves on what arguments NYRA uses for lowering the drinking age. Alex submitted a full report by email.

Rich Jahn reported the bylaw committee had not completed a draft of the bylaw amendments about counting abstentions. Rich suggested the bylaw committee meet again, and to postpone the issue until the next board meeting.

## Business

### Examination of Membership - what prizes will they be given?

Scott Davidson suggested Alex Koroknay-Palicz look into possibilities for prizes and offered to donate to help in purchasing them. The board moved on without discussing any specific proposals.

### **Progress on LUV**

Nothing happened in DC. A new potential chapter leader was recruited. Scott Davidson reported he was looking into the possibility of arranging a speaking engagement for him and Alex. Alex Hull-Richter reported he was planning a demonstration for November 5th and also distributing literature and putting up signs. Alex also mentioned a rally for lowering the voting age was held at the largest shopping center in Orange County.

### **Bylaws**

In the previous meeting the issue of counting abstentions was referred to the bylaw committee. Rich Jahn reported the bylaw committee had met, but did not have a full draft of a proposal to vote on. Additionally, Rich and Alex Koroknay-Palicz had competing proposals. The board decided to postpone the matter until the next board meeting.

### **Fundraiser?**

Katrina Moncure had proposed a fundraiser idea involving the Super Bowl. The idea was for \$10, an individual could pick three teams. Individuals would receive a button, wrist band, or sticker just for participating. If any of the three teams picked got in the Super Bowl, then the participant would win a NYRA T-shirt. And finally, if any of the three teams picked won the Super Bowl, the participant would receive a \$50 gift certificate paid for by Katrina. Katrina also suggested allowing participants to pick additional teams for an additional \$5 per team. The board generally agreed with the proposal and several volunteered to donate for the gift certificates.

## **Other Discussion**

Adam King asked the board to vote on NYRA becoming a supporting organization of Our Education, but then withdrew it suggesting the board vote on it at the next meeting.

Alex Hull-Richter mentioned he would be arguing for a resolution to end mandatory attendance laws in December before the California Democratic Executive Board. He asked everyone to send suggestions. Alex also mentioned that Natasha in Orange County would attempt to register to vote as a protest. Keith Mandell emphasized always answering registration forms honestly to avoid committing voter fraud.