

# National Youth Rights Association Meeting Minutes 9/17/06

## Roll Call

### Present

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| Scott Davidson       | (President)          |
| Zachary Hobesh       | (Treasurer)          |
| Alex Hull-Richter    | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |
| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Keith Mandell        | (Director)           |
| Katrina Moncure      | (Director)           |
| Pamela Tatz          | (Director)           |

### Absent

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director)  |
| Rich Jahn        | (Secretary) |

## Agenda

1. Meeting Scheduling
2. Committee Appointments
3. Abstention Policies
4. Multi-year membership
5. Using a mailing list besides Yahoo Groups - due to inefficiency of time it takes for some posts to be sent through the group

## Reports

Adam King resigned as South Region Captain and prepared guidelines for training new captains, which are posted on the sandbox. An ISSN number was received for "NYRA Freedom." Adam emailed a full report to the board.

Alex Koroknay-Palicz reported NYRA has a balance of \$3,538.20, an increase of \$441.15 since the June report. Member count was at 90, a decrease of 17 since the June report. Alex raised \$55.66 from soliciting donations. Alex asked if there were any objections to a gambling ad costing \$70 per month, and there were none. Alex continued working on the 2006 annual report finishing the web statistics portion. New chapters in Vermont and Rhode Island were approved. Alex thought the University of Rhode Island chapter sounded very promising. On web statistics, Alex reported a 60% increase in visitors up to 33,320 a month in 2005-2006, and a 24% increase in hits, up to 1,790,163 a month and a higher ranking in Google for most key search terms. Alex emailed a full report to the board.

Zach Hobesh reported he had emailed disclosure requirements to the board and had yet to sign his non-disclosure agreement. Zach also emailed the board about the let-us-vote (LUV) campaign asking for money to purchase a domain. Zach also suggested a national raffle for either March or April and commissioning volunteers for selling tickets.

Scott Davidson and Rich Jahn also emailed reports to the board. There were no comments.

# **Business**

## **Meeting Scheduling**

The initial proposed schedule was amended several times and the board settled on Sundays at 4 PM EST on September 17, October 22, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 20, and June 17. The board voted and passed a resolution.

## **Committee Appointments**

Jessica Campbell had earlier requested to switch with Alex Hull-Richter to the compensation committee. Alex Hull-Richter wished to be on the positions committee. After making that change, Scott Davidson proposed the following committee structure:

Budget: Alex Koroknay-Palicz (chair), Zach Hobesh, Katrina Moncure  
Positions: Alex Koroknay-Palicz (chair), Katrina Moncure, Alex Hull-Richter  
Compensation: Keith Mandell (chair), Jess Campbell, Pamela Tatz  
Bylaws: Rich Jahn (chair), Adam King, Keith Mandell  
Nominations: Pamela Tatz (chair), Jessica Campbell, Alex Hull-Richter  
Executive: Scott Davidson (chair), Adam King, Zach Hobesh

No more changes were suggested, and the board voted and passed a resolution.

## **Abstention Policies**

People have previously pointed out the way abstentions have been counted in voting is flawed. The board voted to refer the matter to the bylaw committee.

## **Multi-year membership**

Everyone seemed to agree on multi-year membership in general, but there was disagreement on whether or not to have lifetime membership. Katrina Moncure and Zach Hobesh both disagreed with lifetime membership. Several different numbers were suggested for lifetime membership, and also for a cap on multi-year membership. Offering multi-year membership at a discounted rate was suggested, but not favored. Instead donating for multi-year membership would be purely for convenience of paying early. Zach Hobesh moved to refer the matter to the budget committee. The board voted but rejected referring it to committee. Scott Davidson cited this matter did not fit the purpose of the budget committee.

From the all discussion, Scott Davidson proposed 150 lifetime membership with a \$300 life membership option with prizes to be determined later and multi-year membership up to 5 years. The board voted and passed a resolution.

## **Using a mailing list besides Yahoo Groups**

The board voted to switch to using mailman for the board emailing list. The primary complaint about yahoo groups was emails occasionally taking a long time to reach the list.

# **Other Discussion**

Keith Mandell emphasized the need to start planning early for the let-us-vote campaign. Keith Mandell hoped for protests in DC, Berkeley, possibly another in California, possibly Vermont and some others directly from the membership. Many forming chapters were interested in the protest. Alex Hull-Richter mentioned he was planning to hand out youth rights literature at the polls on election day. Zach Hobesh proposed holding candlelight vigils nationally for the soldiers who died without a chance to vote for or

against the war and national protests on election day, with a minimum of three scheduled. The board voted and passed a resolution.

## Resolutions

### 06-07 Res. 8 – Meeting Schedule

#### Votes For

|                      |                      |
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| Scott Davidson       | (President)          |
| Zachary Hobesh       | (Treasurer)          |
| Alex Hull-Richter    | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |
| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Keith Mandell        | (Director)           |
| Katrina Moncure      | (Director)           |
| Pamela Tatz          | (Director)           |

#### Absent

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director) |
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### 06-07 Res. 9 – Committee Appointments

#### Votes For

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| Scott Davidson       | (President)          |
| Zachary Hobesh       | (Treasurer)          |
| Alex Hull-Richter    | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |
| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Keith Mandell        | (Director)           |
| Katrina Moncure      | (Director)           |
| Pamela Tatz          | (Director)           |

#### Absent

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director) |
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### 06-07 Res. 10 – Multi-year Membership

#### Votes For

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| Scott Davidson       | (President)          |
| Alex Hull-Richter    | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |
| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Keith Mandell        | (Director)           |
| Pamela Tatz          | (Director)           |

#### Votes Against

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| Zachary Hobesh  | (Treasurer) |
| Katrina Moncure | (Director)  |

#### Absent

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director) |
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06-07 Res. 11 – Switching to mailman for the board emailing list

**Votes For**

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| Scott Davidson       | (President)          |
| Zachary Hobesh       | (Treasurer)          |
| Alex Hull-Richter    | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |
| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Keith Mandell        | (Director)           |
| Katrina Moncure      | (Director)           |
| Pamela Tatz          | (Director)           |

**Absent**

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director) |
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06-07 Res. 12 – Proposal for LUV Protests

**Votes For**

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| Scott Davidson    | (President) |
| Alex Hull-Richter | (Director)  |
| Zachary Hobesh    | (Treasurer) |
| Keith Mandell     | (Director)  |
| Pamela Tatz       | (Director)  |

**Abstaining**

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| Alex Koroknay-Palicz | (Executive Director) |
| Katrina Moncure      | (Director)           |
| Adam King            | (Vice President)     |

**Absent**

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| Jessica Campbell | (Director) |
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