

Wyoming NORML Board meeting  
December 29, 2015

Greg told all on the conference call that it was being recorded.

Present: Greg Schuetz, Scott Sidman, Rose Cain, Chris Christian, Carrie Satterwhite, Kevin Mahmalji.

Greg started the meeting at 7:35.

Agenda:

Chris to give history

Petitions

Job descriptions

Voter registration online

Training needs

Calendar of events

Round table-comments and question.

1. **History.** Greg, I am going to ask Chris to tell us how she got this great program going. What is the history of the petition?

Chris talked about the history of how the petition came to where it is today.

Chris said she has been talking about cannabis for over 30 years. I was in school to become an alcohol/abuse counselor but was told I had to tell clients they were addicted to marijuana. It became contrary to my beliefs so I changed my major to anthropology and then I went to law school and got more information about drugs and the things going on with the. That's how I got interested in getting this initiative going. I was on my own until bob Hogan offered his services last January and here we are.

Greg, I think you have a life history and life learning. There are many situations where people can benefit from medical marijuana.

2. **Petition priorities.** I had Scott look into petitions. Lee, Pam, Chris all signed for these petitions with the secretary of states office.

Chris let me clarify this. The PAC was formed out of the committee of 3 who are responsible for the initiative. Lee, Pam, and I are the only ones who can assign petitions or be responsible for them.

Greg, the PAC paid for everything like the petition printing, distribution of the petition, the expansion of the initiative.

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2. **Petition priorities cont.** There was discussion on how best to handle information on the signature counts. County Coordinators will handle their County and report to a master petition person to keep the count and carrier list complete. A County coordinator booklet is being worked on to help them to know their duties and carry them out.

Chris said that she has worked very hard to secure a database with all the petition carriers name, address, and phone numbers on it so we have a master list to verify them with the SOS office. If they are not turned in to the SOS office their petitions become invalid. There are several things to be done with each petition before they go to the SOS office.

Greg, there is a repentence of time to offer extra time to collect signatures.

Chris, is this still going to get on the 2016 ballot?

Greg, this will put it on the 2018 ballot and for the patients who need it we have to continue on.

Carrie, it really does look like that is what is going to happen. There has been so many distraction that it looks like it will have to go on to the 2018 ballots. This will give us time to collect the required number of signatures and work through the media to get people out to the polls.

Chris, there will be a very small turn out for the 2018 election and there is little chance that it will pass.

Kevin, there have been polls that show above 60% support for medical marijuana. That's not just one poll but several. The state supports this.

Greg, I went to a small town where there are 400 voters and I have an appointment to go back and have over 100 people sign. The good news Chris is that this petition will happen. Mr. Byrd said it will pass if it gets on the ballot.

Kevin said he agrees and that the support is there. Let's all get this internal stuff done and get to hearing about the numbers being collected. Its' going to take lots of work. I will call the people who are not calling you back I will call them personally. I think if someone doesn't get any signatures in several weeks then the petition they hold should be pulled back in. We need to get people moving on this and start working towards the goal.

Carrie said in our county we work together as a team and we have events to include everyone so that they can get signatures on their petitions. County coordinators work together with their team to make it happen.

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Chris, if we have close to the number then the SOS office will allow us 45 more days to get the rest of them.

Greg, I am talking about 12 more months to collect signatures to make this happen. Our Facebook account went up dramatically over the last 3 weeks. We have blanks for 70,000 more signatures. We just need to breath new life into this. It will be my first chance to get out into the public and put some steam into this.

Kevin said he liked the strategy that was talked about to continue on to get this on the 2018 ballot so we can plan several county meetings to get those petitions filled.

Greg, I will attend every single event that I can get to.

**3. Finances.** There was discussion about the finances of the Wyoming NORML organization. A check being held by Scott is in question as to which organization it belongs to. Anything with the name Wyoming NORML should be kept in that account and the PAC should represent themselves as Wyoming NORML- PAC is to have another account.

Chris said the financial reports are for the PAC that the SOS made us form from 6-14-15 thru 12-31-15. The PAC has income, expenses, donations, in kind. It has been very time consuming. The PAC was formed to support the committee of the 3 sponsors. The PAC committee is Chris, and Angel Dillon.

There was discussion about the PAC and Wyoming NORML and how they interact together. Filing deadlines for each organization was determined to be: financial report was for Wyoming NORML PAC and January 31, 2016 being the deadline for the Corporation filing for Wyoming NORML non-profit Corp. Wyoming NORML is a registered lobby and we should pay the \$5.00 for your lobbyist pass.

Rose confirmed she was going to Jackson to get the records and bookwork from Chris this weekend.

Chris reported she will have the report for the PAC by the Friday deadline and all Wyoming NORML financial papers. Wyoming NORML has a tax ID and a sales tax ID.

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**3. Finances cont.** Greg said that Wyoming NORML is a non profit. We have gotten clarity on understanding how the petition is to be handled. The two funds can't be intermingled. I am learning about this and have no paperwork to date that has been given to me. We have talked about a bank account that allows for the donor to have an access code so they can see where their money is being spent and how we handle ourselves. Total transparency with the public is what we are working to achieve.

Scott said the PAC and Wyoming NORML are two different entities and are supposed to be carried as two separate entities according to his research. A not for profit organization can not work hand in hand with a PAC according to federal laws.

Kevin said that these are two separate entities so you are right about that Scott. That's what Keith and Allen, Founder and Executive Director from NORML will tell you. National NORML has a 501c-3 and a 501c-4, two separate entities. Neither one can engage directly in the electoral process or initiative process.

Greg said he is looking forward to getting the report on the difference between the PAC and Wyoming NORML. Greg said he doesn't have any email passwords or anything. I am the Wyoming NORML director and I am only interested in Wyoming NORML. I feel that Rose should have a bond to cover her with the responsibility of the finances. Everyone agreed that Rose should have a bond to cover her liability.

Kevin said he thinks what Greg is getting at here is that during the transition period there was no transfer of any records or e-mail accounts or anything from the former director to the new director. Access to the directors email account and financial records should have happened. Even if not completed it should be shared with the director in its current state. Greg has taken over an organization without any idea of where things are. I think that has to be remedied as soon as possible.

Chris said she will have the list sent again. It doesn't have any address information as the computer won't upload. I can print it out and send it to everyone.

Greg agreed that Chris will send that stuff to us by mail. Kevin was clear and concise about what his expectations are.

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**3. Finances cont.** Kevin said that these are two different funds and they have got to be kept separate. I deal with 50 states and it's the same everywhere. You have a PAC and then you have your political organization that can't engage directly in the political process. If I don't hear something by Friday, I am not going to be happy. This is a matter that needs to be dealt with immediately.

Chris said she will have it done by Friday.

Carrie made a motion that we open a new bank account for Wyoming NORML beginning in 2016. Chris will report to us what the balance of the PAC and Wyoming norml.org monies to the end of 2015. Scott seconded the motion. All in favor, Chris abstained and all others voted yes, motion carried 4-1

Rose asked the board if because Chris will be in charge of the recordings until the end of 2015 then I will take over starting on the first of the year 2016?

Carrie made a motion that Rose will assume her duties as the treasurer of Wyoming NORML beginning on 1-1-2016 and that Chris will provide Rose with an accounting of the balances of the bank account and documents to carry out her duties. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. By-laws.** Chris had emailed a set of by-laws that had been in place with the old board members.

Carrie made a motion that as a new board we adopt the by-laws that Chris had sent us as the by-laws that will govern the new board of Wyoming NORML. Greg seconded the motion. All those in favor, all board members voted in favor and the motion passed.

**5. Training needs.** Chris said she had worked with petition carriers on her side of the state and there is a video out telling people how to handle their petitions. I don't know if Lee or Pam worked with the people on their side of the state. Casper, Gillette has not had my personal contact, but the people over here are collecting signatures and are not having a hard time speaking with people. I talked to them about what to say to people. As far as getting everyone trained in a central place we have not done that. We have a guy in Jackson that is going to do a video and with Carrie helping we can pass that off to her because I don't really want to do it anymore.

Carrie said she is working with Kevin to get a Q & A set up so our petition carriers can have talking points when they are out working with the public. I think we are going to have to set up a phone conference or have someone present in Cheyenne and do a recording that we can use it later to train others, as Wyoming is so rural.

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**5. Training needs cont.** Chris told Carrie that in Jackson at the PBS studios they have volunteered to record a commercial. I talked to Cord Reynolds a professional actor who is willing to act in the commercial. When I have written a script for the commercial then he will video tape a commercial for us.

Carrie said that Kevin is willing to come in person and talk to our people and answer questions. I feel I would rather have Kevin do this as it is something he does daily and is not an actor. It would be more beneficial to us.

Chris, PBS in Laramie will tape the Q & A session. I will send the information to Kevin and Carrie.

Carrie. As a county coordinator we were given control of our counties to report. I feel that is a very good way so that Chris is not overwhelmed with it. There are lots of people who have hurt feelings and don't want to deal with Chris. I feel that Scott should handle those people to be the in between guy. Press releases had to be put on hold but now we are working to get those out. Packets for county coordinators to help them with keeping track so they can report and help with getting out into the communities.

Greg said there is a workforce out there waiting to help. We are working to get those petitions going.

**6. Calendar of Events.** Greg said he is working on a calendar of events. We will leave this as a do out. We have to get with the National NORML as to the date of the next scheduled conference call.

Chris, who is doing the calendar of events?

Greg, we will just start by putting these things down. It has events of things that are coming up.

**7. Round Table Comments.** Greg, we are to the comment part of the meeting. There are many ideas that have come out. Lets go around the board and take last comments. Rose do you have anything?

Rose, no I am good.

Scott, starting on the website, I want to see Wyoming NORML.org in control of the Wyoming NORML Board. Register it to Wyoming NORML so when the board changes the names can be changed. With the board in control not just one person has control of the website. We can contact Dave learner so that the website is turned over to the board.

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**7. Round Table Comments cont.** There are too many Facebook pages and it confuses people as to where to go. When you type in Wyoming NORML they can't figure out what page to use. Lots of people don't have computers and we need to put news paper ads out there for those people.

Chris asked Rose if she wants Dave Learner to take the payment out of the PAC or Wyoming NORML starting in January. It was decided to have Chris pay the bill for the website and take it from Wyoming NORML money in the bank account as it would be paid while Chris has control of the money and reports until the end of the year. There is still a bill out there to pay mileage for the speaker that came to an event. Chris said that it was the PAC that was responsible for paying that and since June all monies paid out were from the PAC money. The only thing that came into the account was members dues and there was only a half a dozen of them. I also have a list of people who bought shirts too. Chris said the bill for the website is 30.00 per month.

Chris said she will set up new email accounts for each of the board members. The website is with Wyoming net and Dave learner has built the website. We just need to send him any changes. I will change the director account to secretary as it has 3 years worth of stuff in it. All the logins are the same mail.wyomingnorml.org and I will set up new accounts with temp passwords. The petition list is the master database and I don't want anyone messing with it.

Kevin, I would like to see more transparency bottom line. Chris you say your protective of this list, files or documents. Until there is more transparency we aren't going to get anywhere.

Chris it's not a lack of transparency and it's not secrecy. I am protecting the people who depended on me to keep their information confidential. I am not keeping it from anyone but I am keeping it from being sold or used. I have firewalls in place to keep it from being stolen.

Kevin said they didn't trust you, Chris, they trusted NORML. They didn't entrust Chris Christian they entrusted Wyoming NORML. Those names that were added to the list, that was for NORML.

Chris, I have had the entire list sent to Kevin at National NORML. I don't know how to get the list to Greg.

Kevin said that goes back to my point of transparency, that is part of the transfer of all relevant documents. That's part of the transfer of power. All documents all the work that has been done under your directorship must be given to the new director.

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**7. Round Table Comments cont.** Greg said this is a do out that should be resolve by tomorrow. If this list was sent out you can have it resent to us even if it has to be password protected. It was agreed by Kevin to wait till tomorrow December 30th.

Greg talked about the address for the director is still going to the Jackson address. So maybe we want to put the address down here in the middle of the state at the beginning of the year.

Chris said she didn't think we want to change the address for the following reasons. This is the established address and we have hundreds of business cards out there with this address and phone number on them and I am still getting calls for referrals to lawyers and any of those calls that need to be passed on I can pass on to you. Isn't that my job as secretary?

Chris. Do you want meeting minutes posted anywhere? Doesn't the secretary take the minutes and who do I send them to?

Greg, yes we will need to have minutes done and put into the archives. Type them up and we can put them together. We recorded the three votes tonight.

1. by-laws adopted
2. Rose will take control of the books on 1-1-2016 at which time Chris will give over the records and balances of accounts.
3. Open a new bank account for Wyoming NORML.

By Monday all we will be looking at getting signatures. We will have the minutes out within the next 24 hours. Put any questions you might have and we can address them. We have to wrap it up. The Board wants to thank you Kevin for all your support.

Kevin said thanks for inviting me.

Carrie made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Scott. Motion carried and the meeting ended.