



"Prohibition goes beyond
the bounds of reason
in that it attempts to control
a man's appetite by legislation,
and makes a crime out of things
that are not crimes."

Abraham Lincoln

AZ4NORML Monthly Meeting (July 2009)

MINUTES

Our meeting was called to order promptly at 3:00 p.m. by Director Jon Gettel.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Mary our treasurer reported we have \$128.77 in the bank. A large outlay of money was put towards buying fundraising merchandise for all our upcoming events. We are now well stocked with lots of trinkets and treasures.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA PETITION DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR

The petition drive for signatures churns on. Several of our members are gathering signatures to help make Arizona the 14th medical marijuana state. Anywhere there is foot traffic is a great opportunity to get the word out about the November 2010 ballot initiative. A summary of the ballot initiative is attached for your reading pleasure.

Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative online information located here:

<http://www.stoparrestingpatients.org>

COMMITTEE FORMATION

If you are interested in working on a committee, there's a couple new ones that are forming. The first is helping with the Bylaws for our non-profit chapter status and the second new committee is on hemp. Just let Jon know if you want to work on either of these committees.

YES WE CANNABIS!

NORML's 38th Annual National Conference

Set for September 24-26th in San Francisco the NORML Conference will be well represented by several of our own chapter members. This conference is a chance to mingle and catch up on such interesting issues as:

- o Has Support for Legalization Reached the Tipping Point?
- o Putting the Mexican Cartels Out of Business
- o Marijuana Legalization as a Local, State and Federal Revenue Stream

A highlight of the conference will be the Medical Cannabis-only day on Thursday, September 24.

There's still time to register and attend this really awesome event, just head over to the conference website. <http://www.conference@norml.org>

YIKES! OUR CALENDAR IS GETTING FULL

With more than a dozen events coming up this fall our chapter is going to be in full bore education and membership drive mode. With the ballot initiative out chugging along this is the perfect time to have some face time with the community reinforcing our message of positive marijuana legislation reform. The feedback our petition gatherers are receiving shows the general public is in favor of medical marijuana.

There are so many events you'll be amazed. Not all of these events have been firmed up and there are fees associated with setting up a booth but things are going pretty smoothly on that front. If you want to volunteer to work the booth just look for a sign-up sheet at the next AZ4NORML meeting.

NEWS SHARING

Several new members shared newsworthy stories about the heavy handedness of law enforcement. Jon handed out a cartoon format sheet with excellent advice on how to stay on the right side of the law. Words of wisdom to live by and you can check it out at <http://www.potbust.org/how2smoke.html>

The state of California which is on the brink of financial disaster is now considering legalization of marijuana. There have been lots of news stories about various efforts to legalize (and tax) marijuana for recreational users and stay tuned this story should continue to be well covered by the mainstream media.

CALLING IT A DAY

Our meeting which ran as efficiently as a Swiss watch adjourned at 4:00 pm.

mbg 7/31/09