

**NHFOA Council Meeting  
April 24, 2014  
Manchester PD – Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM by Chairman Driscoll. In attendance at the meeting were Councilors Driscoll, Lafond, Hall, Page, Kelly, Colburn, Trask, Robert & Sevigny. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark, Treasurer Presher & Secretary Smith.

The minutes were accepted as amended.

Correspondence report was presented regarding former official John Karliak. Commissioner Clark will contact Karliak and ask him to appear for the May meeting.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$20,681.74.

Commissioner's report: Trask, Clark and Driscoll met with the NHIAA sports officiating committee. The impression they tried to leave is that if they are trying to standardize sports officials conduct that ours should be the example. Clark tried to suggest a Saturday 2 PM start time for varsity contests, it was not met well by the committee members. He asked about the increase in the NHIAA registration fee. It was reported that \$7 for insurance, \$8 to Arbiter; the rest goes to funding salary of office staffer who deals with the officiating groups. They were asked if there was a better day for sub-varsity contests, the Commissioner stated that we would need to have sufficient notice if they were going to do this. In discussions with Arbiter, they were willing to take us out of the NHIAA umbrella, he will work on it and report back.

Old Business- 1. Finance Committee, proposed budget- a balanced budget has been brought forward by the committee. Location for the annual/president's reception is changing showing a change of nearly \$1700. A president's contingency fund has been created. If something comes up during the year not on the line item budget, it will come from the contingency fund. Hall moved adoption of the proposed budget, Lafond seconded the motion. Budget was adopted unanimously by the Council. 2. Councilor Sevigny has drafted a 15 question survey to communicate with the NHFOA membership about handling future communications with the membership. Chairman Driscoll suggested that the members look it over during the coming month and come back for finality at the May meeting.

New Business- 1. Uniform committee submitted report with the following recommendations: the online dress code needs to be updated; the decision should be made prior to game day; maintain knickers as a uniform option; black pants as primary uniform option; black shorts and low quarter black socks for sub varsity contests; black shorts and long socks for varsity contests; no changes to auxiliary chain crew; no change to varsity travel dress; pink whistle a one week uniform option instead of an entire month; sunglasses not allowed as an option, but only with approval of crew chief; allow youth officials to wear the NHFOA official patch. The online uniform policy update was adopted without debate to reflect whatever changes arise from this meeting. Dress code decision being made prior to game day- "The uniform decision should be made prior to game day and by a majority vote of the crew," it was adopted unanimously. Knickers as a uniform option- vote failed 3-7, and knickers will no longer be a uniform option. Black shorts/black low socks for sub varsity contests, vote failed 3-7. Including auxiliary crew in the uniform code, adopted without debate. Pink whistles for a week as opposed to a month- consensus was to not include this in the uniform code. Sunglasses- allow only for 'extreme' conditions, which has

to be approved by referee and the commissioner will be informed. Lengthy discussion ensued. Sevigny moved to table. The motion to table passed 8-2. Allow NHFOA officials to wear the NHFOA patch on youth games- motion passed 7-3. 2. Colburn moved his proposal on championship officials. The proposal is that if an official is selected for a championship game, he cannot officiate a championship game in the following season. Discussion ensued. Motion failed 1-8. 3. Motion made by Colburn to make the donation to the Yukica program, \$100. Motion adopted.

Next meeting will be May 22 at 5:30. Location is the Dover Fire Department.

Adjourned at 9:31 PM.