

**NHFOA Council Meeting
March 27, 2014
Manchester PD – Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by President Page. In attendance at the meeting were Councilors Lafond, Hall, Page, Kelly, Colburn, Trask, Robert & Sevigny. Also in attendance were Treasurer Presher & Secretary Smith.

Minutes were approved as dispersed.

Treasurer's report: balance stands at \$20,731.65. Treasurer's report adopted without objection.

Commissioner's report was truncated and submitted via the Secretary to the Council. It showed the 2012 rankings and 2013 assignments. Further discussion will be addressed to the Commissioner at a future meeting.

New Business: 1- The apprentice committee chair was unable to attend the meeting and as such will be pushed back to the May meeting. Discussion turned to the limiting of active officials each year. A number is going to be necessary every year and guidelines need to be established for the apprentice chair. The Acting Chair mentioned that while we are in a good position right now, our demographics may not always allow for that. 2- Finance Committee report presented, it included a list of discretionary and non-discretionary items. Clr Colburn suggested saving quite a bit through changing venue and saving money of the president's reception. Discussion surrounded ways to improve attendance at the annual meeting, add a discretionary fund, cut costs, abide by a balanced budget. The Finance Committee will come up with a draft budget for the April meeting. The Awards committee will be back in May with some ideas for the year. 3- Constitution committee: Hall presented on the potential bylaws provision regarding communicable illnesses and offered that it would be ineffective, per discussion with counsel referred to him by NASO. Counsel recommended abandoning the proposal to amend the bylaws.

April meeting to include topics on uniforms and a proposal on championship officials by Clr Colburn, and discussion on communication with membership.

The next meeting of the Council will be April 24 hopefully at the Manchester PD again.

Adjourned at 7:40.