

**NHFOA Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2017
Tilton, NH – Residence of Councilor Robert**

Meeting called to order at 6:57 p.m. by Chairman Trask

In Attendance:

Chairman Tod Trask, President Jeff Delois, President-Elect Ron Sevigny, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Treasurer Jim Presher, Secretary Jason Patch, Councilors Kevin Bolduc, Greg Sarette, Michael Lafond, Kevin Maes, Dick Tracy, Mike Grondin, Chuck Robert

Absent:

N/A

1. **Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by President Delois to approve the minutes from the 5/25/17 council meeting and it was seconded by President-Elect Sevigny. The motion passed unanimously and the April minutes were approved as drafted.

The approved minutes from past meetings have been sent to John Reardon so that they can be posted to the NHFOA website.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Presher presented his report which was sent out to the council in advance of the meeting. He outlined the deposits and expenditures made since our last meeting. We have a starting balance of \$20,044.23 and an ending balance of \$15,000.74 in the general fund as of 6/12/17. A motion was made by Councilor Lafond to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Councilor Maes. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan O'Neil is owed \$136.00 for out-of-pocket expenses for our event at The Puritan Backroom. Councilor Robert has requested to be included on all correspondence and communications with regard to the 75th Anniversary President's Reception in December.

3. **Commissioner's Report:**

a) **Correspondence:**

Correspondence was received over the last month from association members Coretta Lee, Jeff Joussett, Dale Stearns, Tim Leafe, Gerin Murphy, Kevin Bemis, Josh Geno, Ryan Russell and Rich Cuvellier as it pertains to their status for 2017. The content of the correspondence was discussed. A motion was made by Councilor Grondin to accept the requests of Coretta Lee, Jeff Joussett and Josh Geno to return

to “active” status in 2017. This motion was seconded by President-Elect Sevigny and it was approved unanimously.

We received a written request from Steve Zazuri of “Blow Your Whistles” to set up tables at our upcoming interpretation meeting at Pinkerton Academy. There was concern amongst the council that there were tripping hazards present after set up last year and that Mr. Zazuri didn’t take direction very well as to where he would be stationed. We are guests of Pinkerton Academy and we do not want to take on the liability of a vendor or cause friction with school administration.

We are going to provide Mr. Zazuri with contact information for the school so that he can work it out with the administration directly. He would be responsible for paying any associated fees and must provide them with a certificate of insurance.

b) June 17th Event – Puritan Backroom:

Commissioner Clark provided a brief recap and felt that the event was very well-run and appreciated by our invited guests. He felt that it was a good mesh between the council and past membership. It seemed like nobody was in a hurry to leave and overall it was a great experience. The video footage that was taken from the event is going to be pared down into a 10-15 minute video for showing at the President’s Reception in December.

A motion was made by President Delois to approve the Commissioner’s Report. This motion was seconded by Councilor Maes and it passed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

a) 75th Anniversary President’s Reception:

Councilor Tracy informed the council that he has the tickets in hand and they will be provided to local meeting coordinators so that they can be sold to the membership. There will be a \$5.00 discount for tickets purchased before September 30.

b) Proposed Amendments To Bylaws:

Discussion took place regarding the amendment to the NHFOA bylaws which involves the Commissioner’s authority to allow for local meetings to be made up for extenuating circumstances with his approval. It was suggested that the wording “an approved waiver precludes playoff assignments” be added to the amendment. A motion was made by Councilor Grondin to approve the change and to submit to the membership for approval. This was seconded by Councilor Sarette and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Sevigny and seconded by Councilor Lafond to change the bylaws pertaining to Transfer Members. The proposal is to have the working “All Transfer Members shall be legal residents of the State of New Hampshire” removed under Section IV. The new requirement would mean that the

Transfer Member be treated as an “Applicant” and that they must be a graduate of a New Hampshire high school or college, their parents currently reside in New Hampshire or their primary employment is in New Hampshire.

This proposed amendment was approved unanimously and will be presented to the membership for consideration of adoption at the July business meeting.

c) Uniform Committee Recommendation:

Councilor Bolduc addressed the use of black bean bags and the overall concerns of the uniform committee. Some of the feedback that he has received includes not being able to find the black bean bags at night. They are also not authorized in the Federation mechanics manual. Councilor Robert stated that the black bean bags were previously voted on and approved by the council. He also said that the same argument could be made for white bean bags if they are thrown on numbers or on a line.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark to revert back to the mechanics manual regarding the use of white and blue bean bags for all officials. If the crew matches we will for an exception for one year. This motion passed by a 7-4 vote.

d) Mechanics Committee:

Councilor Sevigny made a motion to change the name of the Mechanics Committee to the “Mechanics and Curriculum Committee”. This is due to the fact that the existing committee is also responsible for creating the weekly meeting curriculum. The name change proposal reflects the work that the committee does as opposed to just tying it to mechanics. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Expanded Playoff Crews:

A proposal was submitted by NHFOA member Harry Hansen regarding the expansion of playoff crews to six officials. This will be met with resistance because in the eyes of the NHIAA if we split the fee for these games we may be expected to split it for every game. The NHIAA Football Committee may also be hesitant to use a different format than what is used during the regular season. Commissioner Clark will raise the suggestion with the NHIAA and we will see what he receives for feedback. The general feeling is that it would likely take two years to get this on the table for consideration.

f) Game Evaluations:

NHFOA member Harry Hansen also raised the possibility of bringing back some form of weekly evaluation system so that officials could receive feedback. The easiest way for this to happen would be to utilize the Arbiter as this is cost-effective and the structure is already in place. This will be discussed again at the July meeting.

g) Breast Cancer Awareness:

NHFOA member Mitch Mastromatteo has asked the council to consider approving pink striped hats during the month of October in addition to the whistles and lanyards currently used. The overall cost is a concern and the council feels that the whistles and lanyards are appropriate.

h) Security with W-9 Forms:

Councilor Bolduc raised a concern with W-9 forms being left behind in locker rooms after officials are asked to complete them at various game sites. If officials have concerns it is recommended that they bring an envelope with them and put the Athletic Director's name on it. Once the W-9 is completed it can be sealed and left behind as instructed.

5. New Business:

Treasurer Presher reminded everyone to hold on to their 2016 Mechanics Manuals as they are only issued every two years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Maes and it was seconded by Councilor Lafond. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Our next council meeting will be held on August 24 at 6:00 in Rumney.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Patch, NHFOA Secretary