

**2010 Winter Business Meeting
December 4, 2010
The Yard Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order by 2009-2010 NHFOA President Mike Murphy at 11:00 AM.

- 1) **Opening Statement from 2009-2010 President Mike Murphy** – President Mike Murphy began the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the memory of longtime NHFOA member Gene Seaver who passed prior to the meeting. After the moment, Mike spoke of the recent award presentation that had been made to Gene at his home by the Executive Council and officiating friends Rick Zecha and Bruce Eldridge making him an Honorary Member of the NHFOA. This meant a lot to Gene and his family. Mike continued by recognizing Yukica Football Foundation Official of the Year awardees Kevin Maes and Ed Holm and 2011 Shrine Game Officials Glenn Colburn, Mark Liss and Rich Boulay. Mike then spoke of his two years as President of the NHFOA commenting that the rules knowledge of the entire organization has improved and that the local meetings are now better and more informative than ever. He also commented on the work and commitment of the Executive Council in the off-season and how this group works hard to address agenda items and keep them moving forward and to addressing member feedback. Mike closed by stating that the NHFOA remains a respected organization but must continue to improve and not rest on our reputation with a mission to continue to stay in good stead and uphold our all important integrity in the years ahead.
- 2) **Summary Statement and Election Results from 2009-2010 Chairman John Reardon** – Chairman John Reardon began his summary comments by stating that it was an honor to serve the NHFOA on the Executive Council for the last 15 years and follow the path of numerous great leaders of the organization who held the chairs in the past. He thanked both current and former members of the Executive Committee recognizing them as a fine group of individuals who get a large amount of work done for the organization with their passion and love of the game of football. He also thanked the entire membership for the opportunity to serve. In closing John commented that the NHFOA is viewed as the best officiating organization in the state but we must continue to strive to get better and remain on the quest for improvement. He also reminded all that officiating is a team sport and challenged all officials to be great teammates by lifting up those around you to make them better. **Election Results** – John Reardon announced the results of the NHFOA elections that were held by e-ballot, with 144 out of 157 eligible members participating in this process. Paul Page was elected as President-Elect, Ernie Clark (54.9% of the vote) as Commissioner, Glenn Colburn (30.4%) and Neil Vogler (27.0%) elected to three year terms as Executive Council Members and Tod Trask (24.4%) elected to a one-year term as an Executive Council Member.
- 3) **Appreciation Presentation to John Reardon**- Mike Murphy, Chairman of the Executive Committee for 2011-2012 and Richard Driscoll, NHFOA President for 2011-2012, presented John with a service award and thanks for his 15 years of outstanding service to the NHFOA Executive Board.
- 4) **Introduction of Richard Driscoll as NHFOA President and Presidents Annual Address** – Richard Driscoll was introduced as the new President of the NHFOA. He began his address by thanking outgoing Chairman John Reardon and new Chairman Mike Murphy for their service and dedication to the NHFOA. He continued by thanking all the Committee Chairs, Local Coordinators, Rules and Mechanics Supervisors and all the members for their roles in making our association great. After thanking all again, Richard commented on the excellent condition that the NHFOA finds itself in now but also emphasized the importance of our organization continuing to grow and improve. He then outlined some of the off-season work for the Executive Committee which would include further development on Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct and Uniform and Dress Code Policies. He also stated that with the organization now approaching 180 members that recruiting strategy would be reviewed in the hopes of pursuing the right amount of candidates

to meet our on-field needs without over saturating the organization with members. He also promised that the NHFOA would stand firm with the NHIAA and continue to encourage them to not lump us in with other organizations whose issue/concerns/problems we do not have. He closed encouraging all members to uphold all of their individual requirements; no one is above them and what we ask of one we ask of all. Richard also asked members to use the channels of feedback available to them to make suggestions to the Executive Council and that the Council will continue to consider, respond to and implement positive, well thought out suggestions for improvement of the organization.

- 5) **Commissioner's Report** – 2010 Commissioner Bill Makarawicz was not available to give his report due to an officiating assignment in Florida. His report will be made available on the NHFOA web site. President Driscoll asked Ernie Clark if he would like to address the membership at this time. He did and delivered the following:

First, thank you to Bill Makarawicz for five years of leadership as Commissioner of the NHFOA and as a liaison to the NHIAA. I have learned considerably from Bill.

Thanks to John Reardon for many years of sound guidance and exhibiting a steady hand and clear mind while chairing the Council.

Congratulations to the newly raised officers and re-elected and newly elected directors. I am ready to work with you.

Thank you for your support and confidence. I will work for every one of you to preserve the founding philosophy of the NHFOA and improve upon the current practices and policies of the NHFOA. While adhering to and enforcing the Constitution and Bylaws of our association, I will listen to you.

I will do all within my ability to properly lead and represent the NHFOA and will work diligently to protect the sovereignty of our association.

There is considerable work to be done starting tomorrow, but today let us celebrate a successful season, welcome our guests, display proper decorum and enjoy our fraternity.

- 6) **Introduction of New Members by Apprentice Chairman Glenn Colburn** – Chair Glenn Colburn introduced the following Provisional Members to be patched for the 2011 season:

Carmine Laconte, Bob Camirand, Leonard Boudrias, Jason Patch, Paul Hague, Bob Cain, Jeremy Dickson, Ethan Sevin, Damien Sevin, Dan Brennan, Brian Sollenberger, Jim Doyle, Mike Viveiros, Dave Tencza, Kyle Snow, Brad Collins, Bill Melanson, Gerry Miles, Glenn Murphy and Mike Ferrara.

This group was unanimously approved by the gathered membership for full membership in the NHFOA.

- 7) **2010 NHFOA Treasurer's Report** – The 2010 report was presented by Jeff Jousset and Paul Page and approved by the membership.
- 8) **Minutes of the 7/28/10 Business Meeting** – The minutes from the 7/28/10 meeting were approved by the membership.
- 9) **New Business/Old Business** – No New or Old Business was presented.
- 10) **Adjourn** – President Driscoll asked for and received a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM.