

**NHFOA Executive Council
Meeting Agenda
July 21, 2015 – State Business Meeting
Pinkerton Academy**

In Attendance:

113 voting members were in attendance and this constitutes a quorum.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31 p.m.

President Tod Trask addressed the membership and provided details on the Blue Ribbon Committees that met in the offseason to address a variety of topics. He then presented an award to Richard Driscoll on behalf of the NHFOA.

A motion to approve the minutes from the annual meeting was made by Mark Cherbonneau and it was seconded by Ron Sevigny. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jim Presher. A motion to accept was made by Ron Sevigny and seconded by Jeff Jousset. The motion was passed unanimously.

Under New Business, President Trask reviewed the proposed the amendments to the bylaws that were sent out to the membership prior to the meeting. This included the new classification schedule. A motion was made by Ron Sevigny to accept the amendments as drafted and it was seconded by Jeff Delois.

Carmine LoConte asked if this was going to get rid of self-assign and Commissioner Ernie Clark advised the classification schedule is merely being used to clarify which assignments an official would qualify for.

Fred Russell made a motion requesting that the wording be changed from "Grade" to "Score" in the classification schedule. This was seconded by Steve Hall and the motion passed unanimously.

Ron Sevigny made a motion requesting that the JV classification also include JV prep school assignments. The motion was seconded by Mark Sheehan and it passed unanimously.

The motion to accept the classification schedule with the two amendments passed unanimously.

Ernie Clark, Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Clark announced that Jim Presher (Treasurer) and Jason Patch (Secretary) have accepted four-year appointments at their respective positions.

Memorial wristbands will be made available to NHFOA membership this year and they are going to be worn in memory of Glenn Colburn (Week 2) and Dan Duprat (Week 4).

Self-assign is open and working. As of today 74 officials have been assigned 10 or more games and 13 officials have 15 or more games. Blocked dates, travel restrictions, already being assigned on a given date or blocking other officials will all affect games that are available. The first four weeks of the varsity schedule has been assigned.

Rules tests will be submitted online and a hard copy will be sent to the membership via email well in advance of the due date. The mechanics exam will remain in written format. Members will have three opportunities to achieve a passing score. Once you receive a passing score you cannot take it again.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bill Main, Mechanics

Bill discussed the focus that needs to be placed on the points of emphasis this season. This includes targeting and overall risk minimization. The on-field mechanics clinic will be held at Manchester Memorial High School on 8/15/15 and it will follow a similar format as in years past. The makeup mechanics clinic will be held on 9/1/15 at Bow High School and it will coincide with the NHFOA State Meeting. He is looking for help from the area coordinators in stressing the importance of solid mechanics throughout the season.

Shaun Bean, Apprentice Chair:

There are nine provisionals returning this season. He took in 33 total inquiries regarding the apprentice program and it resulted in six applications. The apprentice classes will be moving to Newfound Regional High School this season and the course will run from 8/26/15 – 10/28/15. They plan to be outside and on the field for the first three weeks.

Ron Sevigny, Curriculum Committee:

Ron discussed adding video content at the local meetings that will come from games officiated in New Hampshire. This will be used as a teaching tool and will allow for discussion on penalties, penalty enforcement and positioning. The videos will be made available to local coordinators in advance of their upcoming meeting.

Tod Trask for Chuck Robert, Uniform Committee:

Black beanbags will be required for 2015 as they will replace the white ones that were previously used. Ryan Russell raised a concern that they will be difficult to see at night but the overall consensus was that it shouldn't be an issue under the lights. Low black socks are to be worn with shorts and they must be similar to style B37A which is offered by Honig's. Knickers can be used for "throwback" or "nostalgia" assignments as long as all crew members have them and are in agreement with wearing them. A solid black jacket is now required for cold weather games. A "Ready Ref" device is required for all back judges. There are no changes being made to the travel dress code. The wider striped shirts have not been discussed for the 2015 season. With respect to sunglasses, they may be worn but only if the conditions are appropriate and their use is warranted. They must be an all-black sport style and cannot draw extra attention to the official.

Jeff Delois, Awards Committee:

The topic of fitness came up and the committee was unable to find another organization that requires annual testing in this area. They highly recommend that each official gets an annual physical and does their own conditioning to get ready for the season. Various awards are being discussed for presentation at the end of the season and this includes:

- a) Best official at each position based on ratings.
- b) Most improved official at each position.
- c) Ambassadors to the game of football.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Patch
NHFOA Secretary