

**NHFOA Annual Winter Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2016 / Red River Theater, Concord, NH**

**NHFOA Councilors and Officers in Attendance:** President Tod Trask, President-Elect Jeff Delois, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Councilors Mike Grondin, Jay Kelly, Michael Lafond, Ron Sevigney and Treasurer Jim Presher.

- 1) **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by **President Tod Trask** at 9:35 A.M.
- 2) **Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting** – The minutes have not been submitted by the Secretary. The Secretary is absent due to a Pop Warner Football commitment in Florida.  
**Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by the Treasurer Presher to Table Minutes.**  
**Voice Vote Unanimous Approval**
- 3) **Finance Report** – Treasurer Jim Presher distributed copies of the 2016 NHFOA Financial Report for member review. The Report showed that income exceeded expenses and that once again the association operated within budget approved by the Council in January. The Treasurer noted largest expenditure was first time member criminal checks. The Council is attempting to build a reserve in anticipation of 2017 celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formal organization of NHFOA in 1942.  
**Motion by Steve Hall, seconded by Bill Meisel to accept the Financial Report as presented.**  
**Voice Vote Unanimous Approval.**
- 4) **Executive Council Chair Report** – On behalf of Council **Chairman Paul Page**, absent due to a Midwest business trip, President Tod Trask reported on the activities of the council in 2016. The Council met every month either in person or for the first time a teleconference. Trask spoke to the time and dedication of the council to meet monthly and to chair NHFOA sub committees. Trask spoke about the honor of New Hampshire being represented on a NFHS committee by Rule Interpreter **Steve Hall**. Hall attends the annual national rules meeting in Indianapolis and serves on the NHFS Editorial Committee. Trask also thanked **Paul Page** for his 15 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, President and Chairman.
- 5) **Commissioner's Report**- Earlier, Commissioner Clark electronically distributed a list of all playoff and championship games assignments. The Commissioner distributed a report comparing field ratings to playoff assignments. The top three available officials at each position were assigned respectively to D1, D2 and D3 championship games. The Commissioner thanked all that all who volunteered their time on Championship Saturday at UNH working on chain crews and assisting the commissioner. NHFOA Special Recognition Awards went to three members for their contributions over multiple years. **Jerry Veilleux** was cited for his continued efforts organizing the annual NHFOA Golf Tournament, with proceeds donated to variety of charities and causes. **Mark Redman** was recognized for operating the 50/50 raffle at NHFOA state meetings, raising over \$800 in 2016. **Russ Laney** was thanked for his willing turn back of local sub varsity games and traveling to several games difficult to assign in the northern and western parts of the state.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business – Important 2017 Dates:**

**June 15** Membership Status to Commissioner and Availability **ENTERED** in NHFOA Arbitrator.

**June 30** CHaD Game at St. A's.

**July 18** Interpretation Pinkerton.

**July 22** NHFOA Golf Tourney Loudon Country Club.

**August 5** Shrine Game, Castleton, VT.

**Labor Day Weekend.** The NHIAA varsity football 2017 season begins. Please plan ahead.

Apprentice Chair Report - Apprentice Chair **Shaun Bean** announced the advancement of Dustin Dulac and Jonathan Mounce from apprentices to provisional members for 2017. The NHFOA Class of 2016 was introduced: **Sean Casey, Jeremy Clague, John Paul, Daniel Youch** and **Alex Pufhal**. All came forward, were greeted with congratulations for completion of the two year program and each received their NHFOA patch.

**Motion made by Jeff Delois, seconded by Bill Main to accept all as members of NHFOA.**

**Voice vote – Unanimous Approval.**

Mechanics Supervisor Report – Supervisor **Bill Main** presented his report for the 2016 season and spoke to the success of the On-field Observations which replaced the mechanics clinic. He is hopeful the committee will analyze feedback to further improve the event in 2017. Main encouraged continued membership submission of suggestions. Incoming Mechanics Supervisor Stan Marro was introduced and offered his email address to membership for suggestions.

**Awards and Selections:**

Joe Yukica Football Foundation Official of the Year – **Jim Presher** honored at 2016 Huddle.

John Clark Award / NH Officials HOF – **Steve Hall** to be recognized Sunday February 12, 2017.

Shrine Game Officials 2017 **Chuck Robert** (R), **Mike Lafond** (U), **Bill Meisel** (W), **Kerry Whitten** (A).

Chad Game Officials 2017 **Paul Page** (R), **Tod Trask** (U), **Mike Murphy** (L) **Mike Grondin** (J) **Richard Driscoll** (F), **Mark Shaheen** (S), **Mark Gregorakos** (B), **Jeff Delois** (A).

Member Service Awards – Twenty-five year NHFOA sweaters were presented to class of 1991 members **Don McGuigan** and **Paul Page**. Introduced were the classes of 1981 Kevin **Maes** 35, 1986 **Stan Marro** 30, 1996, 2006 and 2011 **Peter Hale** and **Brad Winn**.

Administration Awards – 2016 Alvirne, Keene, Pinkerton, Bow, Plymouth and Stevens.

Sportsmanship Awards – 2016 Pinkerton, Sanborn and Monadnock. .

Special Recognition and Service – Outgoing going Council Members were recognized for their service and contributions to the NHFOA: **Jay Kelly, Bob Krupicka** and **Steve Bracci**.

Election Results – Council: **Greg Sarette** and **Dick Tracy** (3 year terms), **Kevin Bolduc** and **Kevin Maes** (unexpired 2 year terms) and President-Elect **Ron Sevigney**.

President's Closing Comments – Incoming President Delois recognized Tod Trask's work as president in 2015 and 2016 and following Tod's performance would be a difficult task. Delois congratulated newly elected councilors and newly inducted members of the Class of 2016. His message to all members was a reflection of the words of October state meeting guest speaker Brian Platt. Jeff informed members that tomorrow (December 4, 2016) the 2017 season begins. He recalled that Platt, with all his accomplishments in NCAA D1, still worked out year round on preparation, and all NHFOA members should attempt to emulate Platt. Do not put the rule book away. As does Platt, and NHFOA's Mike Blaze, leave the rule book where you regularly spend down time, pick it up and read the rules. He called on membership to be a part of the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NHFOA. He also reminded the membership what we are all a part of and that we must each do our part to uphold high standards and support the mission of NHFOA.

6) **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.