

**NHFOA Council Meeting**  
**April 28, 2011**  
**PSNH - Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM with President Driscoll presiding. In attendance at the meeting were Councilors Murphy, Colburn, Begley, Hall, Page, Driscoll, Jousset, Dickson & Vogler. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark, Secretary Smith & Treasurer Presher. Absent was Council Member Trask.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as written and submitted to the Council, by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Presher presented a financial report for February through April showing a balance of \$25,298.35. The report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The correspondence report was presented and placed on file. Correspondence included:

- An email from Arbitersports announcing their new smart phone application
- Thank you from the Supacoop fund
- Bert Lawlor email regarding Kearsarge and its facilities for officials
- A report announcing the town of Hillsboro defeated football on their warrant article
- NHIAA supervisor representation survey regarding association mechanisms
- CHaD announcing an East/West football game for June 2012
- Paul Campbell email regarding membership attending council meetings

The Commissioner presented his report which included: he attend an NHIAA online testing discussion and stated his concerns about the NHIAA being responsible for managing NHFOA test- after much discussion, Council Member Dickson moved to table further discussion on whether to agree to NHIAA online testing until the January 2012 meeting, the motion was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Clark has devised a referee position school, a 5 week class to help aid officials in moving to the position with 5 guest referees and 4 other position members to come in and lecture; he is also putting together 'mentor crews' to get apprentice and provisional members up to better speed.

Treasurer Presher presented his report showing 6 officials have not paid and have until the May meeting to pay dues. He then presented a report outlining the costs associated with online bill pay for dues of NHFOA members; after much discussion the decision was reached to educate the membership to use their personal online banking systems to send checks to the association as there was no cost involved to the association.

Council Member Hall presented an update on the Constitution Committee's work and stated that the goal would be to get it to the membership in June.

In the absence of Council Member Trask the mechanics report was waived, but Council Member Begley reiterated that the NFLRA would be willing to send people to the mechanics clinic and that he would touch base with Trask.

Finance Committee Chair Jousset presented a revised expenses list and moved to accept the line by line with a 10% buffer (attached). The vote was unanimous. Dickson moved to amend the lines for salaries to reflect the change for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at \$400 each. The motion was adopted unanimously. A further motion was made by Council Member Dickson to create a \$250 stipend for the apprentice chair, plus 25% of fees collected by the apprentices. This motion was tabled pending further reports. Commissioner Clark discussed the licensure and ownership of Arbitersports rights, where it had previously been maintained by the individual commissioner as opposed to the association; his preference was that the association takes it over. President Driscoll made the motion to purchase said ownership and pay the licensing fees, not to exceed \$1200 without further council approval. Discussion ensued, the motion was adopted unanimously and the line by line was amended. \*

Rules Interpreter Hall was recognized for rules discussion but having previously reported on the changes for 2011 yielded his time.

Ratings Committee Chair, Commissioner Clark discussed the new plan for ratings which would include more categories and simplified scoring. Discussion ensued and the Commissioner asked for more feedback.

The Apprentice/Provisional program was discussed by President Driscoll who proposed that the council set the number allowed to participate in the program on a yearly basis and that at the end of the year the President appoints a team to rate a field test of those members who would then be eligible to move forward; discussion ensued and President Driscoll stated he would write up a proposal.

Council Member Begley offered that the president's reception is all set for this December, the deposit having been paid in December of 2010.

**Old Business:** **1-** Clark Proposal A (see January minutes), President Driscoll made a motion to endorse proposal A and leave to the constitution committee how best to incorporate it, motion adopted unanimously. **2-** Hall Proposal E (see January minutes- re: member in good standing), Hall brought up the plan as outlined in constitution committee's draft **3-** stipends; a motion to remove the apprentice chair's fee from the table was adopted unanimously, the motion was amended by Dickson to a flat fee of \$400 annually for the apprentice chair, discussion ensued and the motion was adopted unanimously

**New Business:** **1-** Voting policy tweaks; Dickson mentioned he didn't see the need for any with the work of the constitution committee. \*\*\* **2-** Reserve official for championship games; Commissioner Clark stated that the reason this topic is on the agenda is to determine if it is necessary to have a spare official at all championship games. Things to consider: Is there really a need for this? How would this person be selected? Where would they be during the game? Would they be dressed? What would they be paid? Clark feels that a lot more thought needs to go into this and that perhaps a committee should be formed to look into the idea and then make a recommendation to the Council on the idea. **3-** Dress code- Commissioner Clark asked that the Council review the current list of schools that have exceptions to the Dress Code and get back to him with recommendations as to additions or deletions. Commissioner will contact schools on the list to determine what the problems are and review expectations with them.

Clark also suggested sending letter to schools on the list. Clark stated that game reports should reflect any conditions which are not acceptable. **4-** Other new business; **a)** President elect Page suggested that NHFOA sponsor a larger ad in the Scholar Athlete program, perhaps a full page. Murphy and Jousset will look into the cost of a larger ad for the program and report back to Council. **b)** Neal Vogler gave a brief report on what the Curriculum Committee has been working on. Their main concern has been the lack of effort in some presentations. They are looking at competition software and additional videos for the local meetings. The Curriculum Committee Report will be placed on the agenda for May Council meeting. **c)** Chairman made a motion that the council purchase an advertisement in the Yukica Chapter scholar awards program, the motion passed as proposed.

The date of the next meeting will be May 26, beginning at 5:30 at the Liberty North Fire Station in Dover.

There being no further business, Dickson moved to adjourn, seconded by Jousset. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

\*Commissioner Clark did not vote on any fiscal issues before the Council, has not since assuming the commissioner's post in December and will not moving forward.

\*\*\*Treasurer Presher took notes from this point forward due to the Secretary needing to leave.

**Projected Yearly Budget – NHFOA Finance Committee**  
**2011**

Income (as of 1 January 2011) \$15,285.78

Expenses (projected):

President's Reception	\$2300
President's Reception (deposit)	\$100
Council Meetings	\$650
Education (rule books, tests)	\$3200
Education (ink)	\$500
Meeting Rooms/Facilities	\$250
LOAN Dues and Insurance	\$1200
Incorporation Expenses	\$75
Awards	\$475
Office Expenses	\$50
Copying	\$75
Web/Arbiter	\$1200*
Webhosting	\$300
Account Fees	\$160
Donations/Gifts	\$450
Travel Expenses	\$350
Salaries	\$1700*
Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl	\$300
Mechanics Clinic	\$300
President's Emergency Fund	\$500
Dues Refund	\$160
 Total Projected Expenses for 2011:	 \$14,295

\*amended to reflect vote of the council