

**NHFOA Council Meeting
June 23, 2011
Newmarket Housing Authority – Newmarket, NH**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphy at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Councilors Driscoll, Murphy, Trask, Colburn, Dickson, Vogler, Jousset, Hall, Page & Begley. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark, Secretary Smith and Treasurer Presher.

Councilor Trask moved to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report was presented and Councilor Dickson moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote with Clark abstaining.

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

- Communication from official Donald Barbour that he is not available to officiate this year but wants to remain a member in good standing.
- Jeff Rosen communication regarding Campbell High School and blocking.
- Communication between Donna Plumb at NHIAA regarding setting up the clinic for Athletic Directors, (response was that they would not facilitate anything-this lead to our June 8 meeting).
- Gilford AD was unable to attend our meeting as he was in the hospital recovering from surgery, the result of a blood clot.
- Communication from Matt Costello that he is unavailable to commit to the upcoming football season.
- Rich Boulay is unable to officiate this season due to being shipped to the West Coast for work during the season; as such will not be able to officiate Shrine game either.
- Jack Wood reference letter seeking transfer privileges; follow up sent regarding his unemployment-several options presented to him by commissioner.
- Message sent by official Brian Williams seeking clarification about NCAA officiating and NHFOA membership, response issued by commissioner.
- KUA coach is heading to UNH and apparently their (KUAs) season is being cancelled.
- Thank you email sent to the commissioner and the entire NHFOA for their participation with and donation to the SupaCoop fund.
- Email from Joe Rolka with medical update; hip replacement went well.
- Email from Stephen Bracci with several questions and suggestions including standby provisionals for regular season varsity games.
- Email from Brad Winn about transfer membership status from Rochester NY. (have not received letter or other communications)
- Correspondence between NHIAA and Nute/Farmington regarding merger of JV program for this year; NHIAA states impossibility of merger this season as football committee will not be meeting before start of season.
- Correspondence from official Tim Pawnell requesting to be placed on inactive status.
- Correspondence from NHIAA that our commissioner has been appointed to the NHIAA Football Committee.

- Thank you card from Angela Seaver for our support of the family after Gene's passing.
- Correspondence from NHIAA that they are reviewing a change in insurance providers.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the Correspondence Report. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Clark reported that the first half of the season has been scheduled for most officials; questions arose regarding Sunday officiating and blocking of dates, Clark reiterated the need for blocking dates correctly, similarly, the Arbiter does count travel time so Saturday evenings do matter with respect to partial day blocking. Question about travel pay; Clark responded that most people replied they'd be willing to travel, regardless of pay, so it was changed to 50 in efforts to assist schools as well with budgets and those who travel. Councilor Colburn moved to accept the report, the motion was seconded and adopted and President Driscoll would so discuss it at the summer business meeting.

Dues report presented by Treasurer Presher, clarified by the Secretary for one name, Clark moved that Baker, Chabot, Ferrara, Sevin and Webster be removed from membership due to lack of communication and dues being paid. Vogler seconded the motion, it was discussed and adopted unanimously. Hall made a motion to refund \$60 for inactive members which was tabled so the Commissioner could follow up with the affected members.

Apprentice Committee report by President Driscoll; suggests application period of dates certain, applicants submit resumes, council sets number of apprentices in a given year; the report was tabled until a future meeting of the council.

Constitution & Bylaws committee report by Hall and Smith; clean versions presented and discussed- motion by Clark to accept the clean versions of the constitution and bylaws, seconded by Vogler and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote. Redlined versions were presented with a motion to adopt by Clark and second by Page; discussion ensued and a few minor changes were suggested by Chairman Murphy, the changes were massaged into language by Hall and Smith- Clark re-moved the adoption of the redlined versions of the constitution and bylaws with the additions, and the vote to adopt was unanimous. The committee would work to get the changes made and out to the Commissioner for notice to the NHFOA member by June 27 for 30 days notice.

Old Business:

1-Dress code, it has gotten better over the past few years but we must continue to emphasize good on and off field uniforming, it presents a professional appearance, President Elect Page will address further at the June meeting. 2-Awards committee proposal on breast cancer awareness campaign, which would consist of NHFOA members using pink whistles and/or lanyards on the weekend of 10-21/2 and the NHFOA October meeting's 50/50 proceeds would be directed to breast cancer awareness/research. The NHFOA will purchase lanyards and whistles for members who may thereafter purchase them. Driscoll moved to adopt the proposal, it was seconded and adopted with unanimous approval (Clark abstaining). 3-Awards

committee discussion on John Clark Award nominations. Votes will be taken by the Council and emailed to the Secretary for tabulation and collection; thereafter the commissioner will work with Councilor Dickson on securing information necessary for nominations.

New Business:

1-Shrine reserve official; because Rich Boulay will be out of state, he's unable to participate in the game. The reserve official declined to fill-in, seeking to wait until the next Shrine game. President Driscoll made a motion for an official to take Boulay's place; it was seconded but failed on a vote of 4-7. Trask made a motion for John Egan to be the replacement; it was seconded and adopted unanimously. 2-Clark moved that officials not be allowed to wear the NHFOA patch at any non-NHFOA, NHIAA or private school assignments as part of the dress code; it was seconded by Driscoll, discussed at length and adopted by a vote of 6-5. It will be addressed at the Summer Business Meeting. 3-Councilor Colburn asked about inviting Honig's to attend the August clinic; the answer was given as yes. 4-Colburn asked about pocket badges for NHFOA members, Smith was assigned to look at quotes.

The date of the next meeting will be July 27, 2011 at 4:45 PM at Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9:56 PM.

*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.