

**NHFOA Council Meeting
October 4, 2011
PSNH – Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphy at 5:21 PM. In attendance were Councilors Begley, Colburn, Driscoll, Hall, Jousset, Murphy, Page, Trask & Vogler. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark, Secretary Smith and Treasurer Presher.

Chairman Murphy asked the members to observe a moment of silence for Ed Dichard.

Councilor Jousset moved to accept the minutes of the August 30, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report was presented showing a balance on September 12 of \$17,179.57 on hand and Councilor Colburn moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote with Clark abstaining.

The correspondence report was presented and included:

- Communication from Kingswood AD that the facility is now good to go with officials having their own locker room available now.
- Communication from West AD about the high standards four of our NHFOA presented while officiating a recent freshman contest; there were Officials Daneau, Hartery, Sollenberger & Russ Smith.
- Email correspondence from Tom Joseph regarding online testing "test" and submitted invoice.

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

The Commissioner presented his report and stated: that varsity games are going well, the evaluation process seems to be going well despite members still not clearly following directions, the meeting agenda for the evening addressed a concern about payments for lower-level games which he will follow up with the NHIAA Football Committee. Nothing further to report, Councilor Vogler moved to adopt the Commissioner's report; it was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

1-Apprentice Committee Report: Chairman Driscoll suggested that Apprentices, moving forward, be charged dues in the amount of one NHIAA varsity game fee. He offered this motion, it was seconded by Vogler and unanimously agreed to; Driscoll will work with Bylaws Chair Hall on drafting language for the November meeting. 2-Secretary Smith reported that the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign should continue with all monies collected being turned in at the November 1 Council meeting.

New Business:

1-Online testing campaign: feedback was positive on the system, and we will seek to implement for future use depending on cost and provided there is flexibility to work on it on our own. Vogler moved to pay the outstanding bill to Tom Joseph, this was seconded and adopted unanimously with Treasurer Presher being ordered to pay the bill.* 2-Trask moved to make a \$100 donation to the Manchester Police Athletic League for the short-notice use of their facility at the previous state meeting, this was seconded and adopted unanimously.* 3-Secretary Smith announced that three openings would be available during the election period and that he would contact the webmaster about posting the form online at the NHFOA website.

The Council then went into non-public session to hear administrative issues.

Five officials were informed that they did not meet the Mechanics meeting attendance requirement and were instructed to appear before the Council. Three of the five attended and were waived for various reasons. Two did not appear; the first was suspended from all NHFOA assigned games for two weeks, upon motion by Trask and approval by unanimous vote of the Council; the second was suspended for the season upon motion by Hall and approval by unanimous vote of the Council. One of the five had been temporarily suspended pending meeting of the Council for further violations of NHFOA policy; upon motion by Hall and approval by unanimous vote of the Council, the member was to be suspended for the remainder of the season.

The Secretary left the room to address the members attending the state meeting, occurring simultaneously.

In his absence the following actions took place regarding ten officials who were not in compliance with NHFOA test policies: For those five members of the NHFOA who missed test deadlines, upon motion by Trask and second by Driscoll with an affirming vote of the Council, they would be suspended for two weeks. For those five members who did not make the combined 90% average of the three tests, as required by the bylaws, upon motion by Trask and second by Page with an affirming vote of the Council, they would be suspended for one week.

The Council closed the non-public session at 8:25.

The date of the next meeting will be November 1, 2011 at 5:30 PM at PSNH in Manchester, NH.**

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 8:30 PM.

*Commissioner Clark did not vote on any fiscal issues before the Council, has not since assuming the commissioner's post in December 2010 and will not moving forward.

**This meeting was delayed until November 9, due to the snow storm that shut down most of NH.