

**NHFOA Council Meeting  
November 21, 2011  
Moe Joe's – Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphy at 5:35 PM. In attendance were Councilors Begley, Colburn, Dickson, Driscoll, Hall, Jousset, Murphy, Page, Trask & Vogler. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark, Secretary Smith and Treasurer Presher.

Councilor Hall moved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report was presented showing a balance of \$24,731.61 on hand and President Driscoll moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.\*

The Secretary offered a brief correspondence report with notification from Stephen Campbell that he wished to go on Inactive Status for 2012; a note from Past President Rolka extending to the Council his appreciation for their support of his status during his recovery; and a communiqué from a parent of an ejected player to the Commissioner, and his subsequent forward of the message to the NHIAA as a reminder we do not have contact with parents, press or anyone after the contest. Commissioner Clark moved the adoption of the report; it was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Commissioner passed out sheets with ejections and unsportsmanlike penalties from the season to the Council. He apprised the Council that NHIAA sports officiating committee had recently met and while he was not allowed to attend, has asked to address them specifically regarding youth league and sub varsity games on Saturdays. He handed out the assignments from the playoffs and Thanksgiving day games to the Council. He explained assigning procedures by NHIAA with respect to those games. With respect to private schools, he went to the Tilton and New Hampton contest to observe the game, informed the Council that the 6 man mechanics in the game were to provide a stronger presence of officials and get a look at other officials. He gave a rundown of the game and will be designing a questionnaire to send to NHFOA membership regarding private schools. There were questions about the blocking out of Saturdays and Commissioner Clark was asked to prepare a report for the January meeting. Councilor Hall moved to accept the report, it was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Old Business:

1-Awards report: Councilor Dickson mentioned that the plaques and sweater were in his possession and that he had a few people to invite to the President's reception.

Councilor Vogler moved to adopt the report, it was seconded and adopted unanimously. 2-Secretary Smith and Councilor Dickson discussed the voting procedure and the cost of the service by the UNH survey center, at \$100. Councilor Trask moved to issue the check for UNH. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.\*

New Business:

1-Councilor Colburn offered his Apprentice Committee report, stating that there would be 9 promotions to full membership from provisional status and 9 returning Apprentices for their second year. 2-Report on membership status for three officials. Discussion ensued on membership standing. Commissioner Clark moved that Official John Manni be reinstated to full membership; it was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Clark moved that Official Kyle Scofield be promoted to full membership; it was seconded and adopted unanimously. There being some issue over lack of paperwork regarding Official John Wood, discussion on his promotion was tabled. 3-Sportsmanship Awards: discussion ensued about criteria for awards and whether ejections and unsportsmanlike penalties should be weighed at all levels. The statistics were offered showing the highest percentages of the six divisions of football plus private schools. Discussion took place regarding 90% being the threshold in the past for these awards, and with no school in division 1 or 2 making that threshold, Councilor Hall moved that no schools in those divisions be awarded the NHFOA sportsmanship banner. This was seconded and adopted unanimously. President-Elect Page moved that all schools in Divisions 3-6 who attained above 90% be awarded the sportsmanship banner (this would be 6 schools total). The motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 4-6.

President Driscoll moved to award the top performing schools in Divisions 3-6 with the NHFOA sportsmanship banners; it was seconded and adopted unanimously. 4-Councilor Hall moved to adopt the amended, draft 2012 schedule as attached; it was seconded and adopted unanimously. 5-Councilor Begley reported that all arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting at The Yard on December 3. 6-President Driscoll will work on the agenda for the Annual Meeting and disburse it. 7-Discussion arose about where the administrative fees charged to members were going. Commissioner Clark mentioned that they were given to the Treasurer for deposit. Councilor Trask made a motion that all administrative fees paid this year be donated to the SupaCoop fund; it was seconded and adopted unanimously.\* 8-The Council then reviewed the several suggestions for the NHFOA Administrative Award and discussed them. Councilor Dickson moved that the Administrations for Bedford, Kearsarge and Winnacunnet be selected for the new award. It was unanimously adopted.

The date of the next meeting will be December 3, 2011 at 9:30 AM at The Yard in Manchester, NH.

With nothing further to come before the Council, the meeting stood adjourned at 8:56 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.