

NHFOA Council Meeting
January 25, 2012
Newmarket Housing Authority – Newmarket, NH

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphy at 5:31 PM. In attendance were Councilors Driscoll, Hall, Jousset, Krupicka, Lafond, Murphy, Page, Trask & Vogler. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark & Secretary Smith.

Chairman Murphy extended a welcome to new Councilors Lafond and Krupicka.

Chairman Murphy handed out the 2012 meeting protocols and yielded to questions.

Commissioner Clark moved that the minutes for the meetings of November 21 and December 3 meetings be accepted with minor changes, it was seconded by Councilor Hall and the motion was unanimously adopted (with Krupicka and Lafond abstaining).

The Secretary reported correspondence from Official Snow stating that legislation is pending in the House of Representatives regarding liability of officials. The hearing is scheduled for January 31 at 3:30 PM at the Legislative Office Building in Concord.

Commissioner reported that NHIAA has enacted a reclassification committee, operating on a one year cycle- the present rules state that NHIAA cannot force a team into another division, next meeting is Friday the 27th of January, they are looking to perhaps go to five divisions, rather than six. There is a sports officiating committee meeting in April; they see it as a time to discuss game fees, Commissioner would like to discuss travel fees being paid by schools and other issues. Other supervisors have expressed an interest in meeting ahead of time. Divisions I, II, & III proposed schedules have already arrived for review. End of season ratings are in Councilor Lafond's hands, ready to be merged and sent out shortly. This will include their position rankings from 1 through the final number, as well as their overall final ranking. Councilor Jousset asked the question about the game fee reporting correctly in the Arbiter; Commissioner Clark stated that the issue has hopefully been resolved-he's concerned there are several AD's who don't look at the Arbiter and wants to encourage them to do that so as to avoid fee problems. Chairman Murphy asked a question about the report on blocked Saturdays, Commissioner Clark mentioned he did not compile it yet, and Chairman Murphy tabled that to the February meeting. A motion to accept the Commissioner's report made by President Driscoll, seconded by Councilor Hall and adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's report presented by Chairman in the absence of the Treasurer, Driscoll moved to accept it and place on file. Finance Committee Chair Jousset moved to pay half of Councilor Hall's trip to Indianapolis for the National Rules Committee Meeting. Budget will be forthcoming at the next meeting, would like to discuss in the future what to do with some left over monies within the association. He would like to have more suggestions from Councilors. Ideas include educational grants, hiring evaluators of other officials, dinners, etc.*

Councilor Trask has met with his new Assistant and the area representatives for the Mechanics Committee, they will be meeting again in February and have discussed areas of concern, key responsibilities; would like input from the Council for committee's discussion. They will talk about the clinic, there's potential to have a clinic hosted by the NFLRA again. Mechanics test last year; the grade is used in the overall average for the administrative rating-some guys had a hard time, some did really well; wondering about changing the test to pass/fail. He has spoken with his assistant about putting a conditioning package together for our members. Trask has met with technology committee about updating mechanics section. The Mechanics Committee is also looking into putting together a 6 man mechanics manual. Likes the mid season meeting idea and would like that to happen again; have conditioning packages available at that time would help as well.

Old Business: 1- Official Stephen Campbell has requested Inactive Status, Clark moved to accept the request; it was seconded by Hall and adopted unanimously.

New Business: 1- Committee Structure: President Driscoll has asked Hall and Trask to continue as Rules Interpreter and Mechanics Supervisor, respectively; for Committee Chairs he has appointed Jousset for Finance, Hall for Constitution & Bylaws, Page for Uniform, Trask for Awards, Smith for Banquets, Vogler for Curriculum, Colburn for Apprentice Program and Trask for Mechanics. An election committee chair to be named later. 2- Locations/dates for meetings: February 23 in Hampton; March 22 in Manchester (if needed); April 26 in Manchester; May 24 in Dover; June 21 in Newmarket. 3- Agenda item suggestions by Chair. 4- Private school policy; Clark has not contacted private schools, would like to form a committee to look at the issue within the Council and involving a few other officials to examine the issue. President Driscoll supports having dedicated crews, would like to appoint a committee to address some of these issues, offer education to those officials...not ready to throw the program out yet, but would like to talk with them as well. Councilor Hall would like to have an opt-in list, everyone should have the opportunity to not do one, and thinks Commissioner should survey membership. Page would like to continue to service them, believes there is a fundamental lack of understanding between us and them- thinks we need to solve the problem, not them. Krupicka believes it should be voluntary; we need to take control of the game; try and have someone with college experience, have lists prepared for pregame. Trask thinks we need to have communication during the season; consider revising the fees-having 6 man crews, give the officials better training. Vogler saw there were a lot of guys who did want to continue to do the games and thinks that should remain, doesn't know if we should always be the ones who reach out to them. Jousset believes that we should no longer be servicing the private school games, if there is going to be a subset of officials to do it, they should go do it- we coddle them, we don't owe them anything. Lafond questions the many problems and why they seem to be there; thinks training should be there, and regular crews. Chairman Murphy didn't like the 6th man mechanic, doesn't like the liability of the games with respect to rules, and doesn't want to use state meeting time to discuss NCAA rules. Chairman Murphy would like to work it out if possible. President Driscoll will form a committee to study the issue. The committee will have a

preliminary meeting in February. 5- Commissioner Clark would like at the February meeting to discuss East/West selection guidelines. Names suggested for the game Blaze for Referee, Munce for Umpire, McGuigan for Linesman, Makarawicz for Line Judge, Cuchetti for Side Judge, J. Moylan for Field Judge, J. Presher for Back Judge with Gilpatrick as an alternate; chain crew, Irwin, Krupicka, Sweiss, P. Williams, Campbell, Colburn and G. Robuichaud; Hall moved that the Commissioner contact those selected to seek their approval and those who did not wish to serve would be brought back to the Commissioner for additional vote if necessary by the Council; it was seconded by President Driscoll, and adopted by unanimous vote.

February 23 in Hampton at 5:30 is next Council meeting.

With nothing else to come before the Council, it 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.