

**NHFOA Council Meeting
February 23, 2012
PSNH – Manchester, NH**

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

Councilor Trask moved that the minutes of the January 25 meeting be adopted, it was seconded by Councilor Lafond and adopted unanimously.

Correspondence report presented by the Secretary. It included: an update about HB 1269, legislation regarding liability for sports officials (it was found inexpedient to legislate by the House Judiciary committee); a thank you note from the VT-NH Chapter of Susan G. Komen for the cure for the NHFOA's \$1627.50 donation; correspondence from Pat Corbin at the NHIAA regarding questions about whether helmets are being worn in 7-on-7 summer games; Tom Joseph was the only official to respond to the commissioner's query about volunteers to help building an all-time NHFOA roster and Ernie will follow up with him; email from Pinkerton A.D. who would like to help make Pinkerton a top sportsmanship school; email from official Limbek with concerns about ratings-Commissioner elaborated further in his discussion in ratings and evaluations. Councilor Vogler moved to accept the report as read; it was seconded and adopted.

Commissioner reported the following: the email correspondence from an NFL official was with respect to questions of the commissioner regarding retention, age and the makeup of the organization; the football committee is still trying to work on the divisions-they've formed a subcommittee to work on it; all championship games will be played at St. Anselm College. Councilor Hall moved to accept the report and Councilor Krupicka seconded the motion and the report was adopted unanimously.

Finance committee report tabled until April. Treasurer's report presented showing a balance of \$24,477.37, Councilor Hall moved to accept and the motion was adopted.

Old Business- There was no old business to come before the Council.

New Business- 1) Ratings/Evaluations report from Commissioner Clark. Thanked the several members who volunteered their time to help with these reports. He only received a few responses from officials with respect to ratings, not many in the way of negatives. We did make changes from previous ratings- specifically, you are now rated in all positions you work. Almost everyone was rated this year, provided they worked varsity contests. Just a reminder to the Council that the week to week rankings on Arbiter had NO impact with respect to the final ratings-it was based on the midseason and end of season ratings that were filled out by all the members. Further discussion ensued about ratings for apprentices and provisional members. Councilor Trask moved to accept Commissioner Clark's report, it was seconded by Hall and

adopted with unanimous approval. 2) Commissioner Clark gave a 2011 game assignment review. Game assignments will be given out as promised when Commissioner Clark ran; the best officials will get best games. Presented a matrix for roughly how games are scheduled, with assignments and how it is best handled with 147 officials from the previous season, with an additional number coming on, needing to be scheduled. There was discussion about percentages and weighting of field versus administrative ratings; there was concern about lack of good new officials not getting their comeuppance with respect to scheduling and the like. 3) Councilor Vogler asked for reimbursement for taking the local coordinators out to dinner in January. Councilor Colburn moved to reimburse the \$179 tab, Councilor Krupicka seconded the motion and the vote was adopted with Councilors Lafond and Hall and Commissioner Clark abstaining. 4) Apprentice program update- there are about 80 people who have contacted Glenn thus far. Discussion about how the program would be administered ensued. 5) Private school guidelines discussion tabled until the April meeting. 6) Selection guidelines for East-West All Star Game. Discussion ensued about requiring time on the association, age, etc. A suggestion was made that the Awards committee draft some requirements for the game. 7) Mechanics committee met on February 9. There will be no NFRLA mechanics clinic this year. Areas of concern were discussed. 2011 exceptions were reviewed; the committee looked at suggestions for 2012 exceptions. Will recommend that the downs on the chest mechanic be excepted in 2012, with BJ to time 25 seconds beginning in 2013 (eliminating current exception). Proposal will be drafted and proposed at future Council meeting. East-West game discussed and the possibility of having a meeting before or after the game. Conditioning will be emphasized by the committee. Mechanics test will be through NFHS this year.

The next meeting of the NHFOA Council will be at 5:30 on April 26 in Chairman Murphy's office in Hampton.

With nothing further to come before the Council, it stood adjourned at 8:21 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.