

NHFOA Council Meeting
June 21, 2012
Newmarket Housing Authority – Newmarket, NH

The meeting was called to order by President Driscoll at 5:45 PM. In attendance were Councilors Driscoll, Hall, Jousset, Krupicka, Lafond, Murphy, Trask, & Page. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark & Treasurer Presher.

President Driscoll moved to accept the minutes of May 24, 2012, seconded by Councilor Lafond, adopted unanimously.

Correspondence report from Secretary: John Manni retiring; Official Dave Tencza taking leave for 2012; Official Dave Abrams has had back surgery and is unsure if he will be able to participate in the 2012 season, will remain in contact with Commissioner; Gerin Murphy has reached out to Commissioner seeking to be marked "ready"-he was suspended for remainder of season in 10/11; Official Ed Emond needs hip surgery and is seeking no assignments this fall, Commissioner has been in touch and will try and get him clock assignments and like; Official Rosen is not seeking a return of dues-this intends the right to vote but also membership requirements apply; Secretary has sought official approval from Manchester School district to begin meeting at MMHS starting 8/27

Other correspondence: Treasurer indicated that he had received correspondence from the NH Department of Justice that the NHFOA needed to renew its incorporation status. Treasurer filed the required paperwork and NHFOA is now current. Councilor Krupicka indicated that he had received an inquiry asking when the quiz the NHIAA requires coaches to take would be ready. Councilor Hall indicated that the quiz had been prepared and forwarded to NHIAA a week ago.

Treasurer presented his report; the ending balance on June 11 was \$21,073.42. Councilor Krupicka moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lafond and adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Clark offered his report: NHIAA is getting the official's registration process started earlier this year. Officials should hear from Donna Plumb shortly. NHFOA roster has been submitted to NHIAA. The current evaluation and assigning system will stay in place. The CHaD East/West game is scheduled for June 23. We expect to have a full contingent at the game. Councilor Trask have a tent set up at the game to provide information on NHFOA. There has not been much communication from the staff at the Shrine Game. The NHFOA program ad for the Shrine game has been completed. Many thanks to Stan Marro. All school schedules are in. Commissioner will get Labor Day weekend assignments out shortly. Sub-varsity schedules will be done as they were last year. Commissioner reminded everyone of the golf tournament on July 28. There will be a NCAA rules and mechanics meeting after the tournament. Mentoring crews for this year was discussed. Commissioner will continue to review the Mentoring program. Commissioner passed out membership status including those who have paid dues but are injured (4), paid but excused (4), unknown status (10) and unpaid dues (8).

Old Business

1) NHIAA Commissioner/Assigner Issue: NHIAA has indicated that it will not accept the combined position of Commissioner/Assigner. There have been emails and phone calls with NHIAA Executive Director Pat Corbin. Corbin feels that the combined position of Commissioner /Assigner results in too much power given to one person. President Driscoll and Councilor Page requested a meeting with Corbin to explain how the NHFOA Council works and how the Council is the body that holds the final decision making authority. Corbin agreed to a meeting with Driscoll and Page. Corbin seemed to be understanding and at the end of the meeting asked that a letter be sent to him explaining NHFOA ratings, evaluation and assignments. President Driscoll asked for permission to send the requested letter. Discussion ensued as to what would be included in the letter. At the conclusion of the discussion the Council agreed to have Councilor Hall draft a letter to the NHIAA Executive Director explaining the current NHFOA structure and how the membership is protected from one individual asserting too much authority. It was also agreed that the letter would include a request that NHFOA Commissioner have a seat on the Football Committee. (The meeting was suspended at 6:25 PM for dinner and was reconvened at 7:05 PM.) Paul Page made a motion to have Councilor Hall draft a letter to the NHIAA stating the Council's position and not agreeing to the NHIAA position of separating the position of Commissioner /Assigner. The letter is to include the fact that membership rights are protected under the current NHFOA Constitution and bylaws. Motion was seconded by President Driscoll. Motion was adopted by unanimous vote. 2)Website: Councilor Trask has contacted J. Reardon concerning the NHFOA website. Things seem to be happening at this point. Trask suggested that Secretary and Treasurer have access to website in order to be able post minutes and financials. Motion by Councilor Trask to request that J Reardon to add the Secretary and Treasurer as those with access to website. Seconded by Councilor Krupicka. Motion was adopted by unanimous vote. 3) Inactive Status Communication: A motion was made by President Driscoll to grant "inactive status" to David Tencza. Seconded by Councilor Lafond. Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

New Business

1)Councilor Page indicated that the Committee had met to consider when to wear "foul weather" (black) pants and sunglasses. Councilor Page asked Committee members to state their position on the two items. There was not a consensus on foul weather pants. The Committee felt that it was best to let the crew decide. There did seem to be a sentiment that knickers will become a thing of the past. The Committee felt that sunglasses should not be optional equipment. They did feel that sunglasses were acceptable with a doctor's recommendation. Motion by Councilor Krupicka to allow sunglasses for medical purposes only. Not as optional equipment. Photo grey glasses are permissible. Second by Councilor Hall. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Councilor Page that crew will decide on knickers or black pants. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hall. Seven (7) votes in favor of the motion, one (1) opposed (Lafond). Motion adopted. Motion by Councilor Page that the crew will make decision on any of three options (knickers, black pants or black shorts-white shorts option being eliminated). Seconded by Councilor Josset. Unanimous vote. Motion adopted. Councilor Page will review the Dress Code next. Will suggest that it be reviewed every other year. 2) Local Coordinator SOP: Tabled to next meeting. 3) Awards Committee: Councilor Trask informed the Council that the Athletic Director's Awards are done and came out very good. Councilor Page indicated that he had made the presentation to Mary Brown at

Kearsage and it was very well received. Councilor Trask asked that everyone be thinking about nominees for the John Clark Award. The Breast Cancer Awareness effort was discussed and the Trask will be suggesting that the campaign last for the entire month of October not just one weekend. 4) Summer Meeting There was discussion of the topics to be covered at the Summer Meeting. **Meeting to start at 6:30 PM.** 5) CHaD/Shrine Games: All is on schedule. 6) Reminder of NHFOA Golf Tournament July 28. Best ball format.

Next meeting will be July 24, Pinkerton Academy at 5:00.

With nothing further to come before the Council, Councilor Lafond moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Krupicka. Meeting 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.

**In the absence of Secretary Paul Smith, Treasurer Jim Presher took notes from the council meeting.