

NHFOA Council Meeting

11/19/2018

Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, NH

Attendance

Officers

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Delois (President) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Sevigny (President-Elect) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ernie Clark (Commissioner) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Brownley (Secretary) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Presher (Treasurer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tod Trask (Chairman) |

Council

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Bean | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Jaskolka |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lafond | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Maes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Bolduc | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Tracy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Sarette | |

Meeting called to order by President Delois at 6:41 P.M.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Presher emailed in advance the Treasurer's Report to the Council. Councilor Lafond motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Councilor Sarette seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

September Meeting Minutes

President Delois requested motion of approval of September Minutes. Councilor Bean moved to accept, seconded by Councilor Sarette. Motion carried 10-0.

October Meeting Minutes

President Delois requested motion of approval of October Minutes. Councilor Tracy moved to accept, seconded by Councilor Jaskolka. Discussion: Councilor Sarette inquired whether names of members disciplined by Commissioner be given to the council. Commissioner Clark stated he has not given the names to anyone. President Delois suggested Council could go into a non-public session if Councilor Sarette so

desired. Councilor Lafond sidebared with Councilor Sarette. The open session continued. No further discussion. Motion carried 10-0.

Correspondence

Secretary Brownley read aloud email sent to Commissioner by member Moe Bilodeau. *"Please take into consideration Dave Dickson for either the CHaD Game or Shrine Game. It would also be fair to nominate him for "Official of the year" at the upcoming "huddle get together". Spending 16 months in the Philippines and coming back to be selected to do the Div.1 final is a great accomplishment"*

President Delois sought other nominations for Official of the Year. There were none. Councilor Bean moved the nomination of Dave Dickson for Official of the Year, seconded by Councilor Bolduc. Motion carried 10-0.

Chad and Shrine Games Selections

President-Elect Sevigny, Chair of Awards Committee, announced recommendations for assignment to the Shrine Game 2019.

- 1) Phil McCarthy – Referee
- 2) Dave Dickson – Umpire
- 3) Andy Hartery - Wing

President-Elect Sevigny moved nomination of McCarthy, Dickson and Hartery, seconded by Commissioner Clark. Motion carried 10-0.

President-Elect Sevigny announced recommendations for assignment to the CHaD Game 2019.

- 1) Phil Williams – Referee
- 2) Dave Dickson – Umpire
- 3) Phil McCarthy - Linesman
- 4) Shaun Bean – Line Judge
- 5) Harry Hansen – Side Judge
- 6) William Meisell – Field Judge
- 7) John Jaskolka – Back Judge

Councilor Bolduc moved nomination of the above seven members, seconded by Councilor Tracy. Motion carried 10-0.

Administration and Sportsmanship Awards

Commissioner Clark stated the schools that scored 100 in Game Administration.

Sanborn. Councilor Bean moved to nominate Franklin, Milford and Sanborn for NHFOA Administration Award, by President-Elect Sevigny. Motion carried 10-0.

Commissioner Clark announced the top rated schools and scores for consideration for the NHFOA Sportsmanship Award.

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| 1) Fall Mountain | 93.33 |
| 2) Merrimack | 90.00 |
| 3) Bishop Brady | 90.00 |
| 4) Monadnock | 89.25 |
| 5) Spaulding | 88.89 |
| 6) Epping | 88.57 |

Councilor Lafond moved to award the top four teams, as there are four divisions, seconded by Councilor Sarette. Discussion followed asking how to differentiate between the scores ranging from 88 to 89, especially considering the considerable improvement of Spaulding and Epping. Motion failed 1-9.

President-Elect Sevigny moved to award the top three teams, seconded by Councilor Tracy. There was discussion regarding a means of recognizing the improvement of Spaulding and Epping. (The Commissioner shall send letters to both schools). Motion carried 10-0.

Agenda for December 1st Meeting

President Delois passed out the 2016 agenda as an example for 2018 meeting agenda. Councilors were in general agreed that items on the 2016 agenda are acceptable with obvious date edit. Councilor Lafond moved to accept use the 2016 format with date edits by President Delois, seconded by Councilor Sarette. Motion carried 10-0.

2019 NHFOA Calendar

President Delois distributed the 2018 NHFOA calendar as a template for the 2019 calendar. President Delois suggested that the dates on the 2018 calendar need only to be adjusted to create the 2019 calendar. Commissioner Clark stated that until this past year the two interpretation meetings were separated by two weeks and a day, this year they were separated by one week and a day. They were changed this year because Rules Interpreter Steve Hall attended Indianapolis and earlier start of weekly meetings. .

Councilor Lafond motioned accept the 2018 calendar with date edits for 2019 along with allowing a third date to be set by Interpreter for the members that cannot make the first two meetings, seconded by Councilor Sarette. Discussion: President-Elect Sevigny stated that a constitutional amendment would be required to allow a third meeting. Motion failed 1-9. The President directed the Commissioner to create the 2019 calendar for review at December 2, 2018 meeting for possible adoption.

Disciplinary Issues

President Delois removed the item and placed on December 1, 2018 agenda.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Clark stated that he has sent out the report detailing playoff games assignments. He also explained balloting process for annual elections. He stated that chairman and the president are the only ones to receive the election results and that they receive them in a sealed envelope to be opened at the December meeting.

Councilor Maes motioned to accept the Commissioner's Report, seconded by Councilor Sarette. Motion carried 10-0.

Old Business

- A) NHIAA Contract: President Delois stated that he heard from a NHIAA Football Committee representative that the NHIAA is revisiting the proposed contract and incorporating some changes received from various officiating boards.

New Business

- A) Amendment to the By-Laws Article 5, Section 4, Paragraph E: Jeff Isabelle emailed in the following change to the above By-Law.

Election results are to be posted on the NHFOA website within 36 hours of being received by UNH survey to include members and how many votes each received.

Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the amendment as written by member Isabella with the exception of the 36 hours, the results would be announced at the December meeting, and an email would be sent to all members within 36 hours of completion of the December business meeting. Seconded by Councilor Sarette. Motion 10-0. (President-Elect Sevigny to discuss with Jeff Isabella revision of proposal.)

- B) By-Law amendment Article V111. Mitch Mastromich submitted the following By-Law amendment request.

No official shall be able to officiate a Championship (Finals) Playoff Game in two (2) consecutive years regardless of position.

President Delois stated that this is not in our control. The NHIAA requires that the NHFOA supply the top rated officials for the championship games. No council member motioned offered to support the By-Law amendment. Motion failed by lack of a motion. (Councilor Bolduc offered to assist in editing amendment to include NHIAA approval.)

C) By-Law amendment Article IV, Rights of Membership, Subsection B.
Councilor Bolduc submitted the below By-Law amendment request.

The right to receive game assignments from the Commissioner based on the mid-year rankings of the Association, and Article V Section III-C-5 of the Constitution, provided that the member is an Apprentice Member, Provisional Member, Regular Member, or Transfer Member. Membership in the NHFOA does not guarantee receipt of game assignments.

Councilor Bolduc's Written Rationale: *Under the current wording, the Commissioner can and has created his own requirements for playoff eligibility. He has instituted a "minimum peer rating" system, 8 (ed: peer ratings) are "required" to be ranked at a position. This requirement is not mentioned anywhere in our Constitution and/or By-Laws. Any new "requirement" must be voted on by the Association as a by-law change/addition. The Commissioner has discretion to decide who he places in what games, after the Association has chosen the playoff officials. By instituting this "peer rating" the Commissioner is now in a position to eliminate playoff officials at his whim because he is the one that creates everyone's schedule. It was never the intent of granting the Commissioner "discretion" the ability to eliminate playoff officials the Association has chosen.*

The Commissioner took expressed use of the term "whim" and the suggestion that he would manipulate a member's schedule to eliminate an official from playoff eligibility. He stated the 8 peer rating minimum has been in place since adoption of the current rating system to ensure adequate current season game experience at a particular position. The Commissioner stated that if a minimum number of peer ratings is adopted and codified he shall adhere to the mandate.

Following considerable discussion the amendment was withdrawn by Councilor Bolduc at President-Elect Sevigny's encouragement to be sent to committee for study during the off season.

There being no additional business to come before the council, Councilor Sarette moved to adjourn, President-Elect Sevigny seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 8:57 P.M.

Next council meeting: December 1, 2018 9:00A.M. Red River Theater, Concord, NH