

NHFOA Council Meeting
June 27, 2013
Dover Fire – Dover, NH

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM by Chairman Richard Driscoll. In attendance at the meeting were Councilors Sevigny, Hall, Krupicka, Trask, Page, Driscoll, Lafond, Robert, Vogler, & Colburn. Also in attendance were Commissioner Clark & Treasurer Presher.

The minutes from the May 23, 2013 minutes were adopted by unanimous vote.

The correspondence report included a thank you letter from CHaD for the \$1000 donation from the NHFOA.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as reported, subject to audit.

Commissioner Clark presented his report which included the NHIAA meeting with supervisors and assigners. Among the things addressed at the meeting was a change in procedure for interpreters that require them to funnel any question on in-season rule interpretations through the NHIAA and not go directly to the NFHS for rulings. The NHIAA is also requiring each interpreter to make up a 10 to 30 question rules test that they can give online to coaches as part of a certification process. In 2014 all officiating associations, in order to be recognized by the NHIAA will be required to sign a contract by which they agree to adhere to the NHIAA bylaws; details on the contract and who in the organization signs it are not yet available. Fees for the 2013 football season will be \$82 for varsity contests, \$62 for three-man sub-varsity contests and \$53 for four-man sub-varsity contests. Tournament fees will be \$104. Early registration with the NHIAA went well but it is critical that all officials who plan to work games or want to access the Arbiter get registered as they cannot be assigned or have access to self-assign games with it and it holds up the assigning process for ALL officials. Registration will close 8/1, opened only at a rate of \$80 per official. Arbiter use is expanding and more changes will be coming next year as access to the system is opened to more people (ADs mainly). The fee to register with the NHIAA is scheduled to rise to \$45 next year but will include the chance to receive the mobile app for email updates on your phone from the Arbiter. The Commissioner closed by suggesting we move the Arbiter to NHIAA to avoid the cost to the association (since we no longer have sole access to our files), increase the registration fee and decrease the dues amount to members.

Old Business: The Ad Hoc Uniform-School Matrix discussion was tabled to a future council meeting.

New Business: 1- Council informed that long time member George Smith had recently passed away. 2- Membership requests: Kevin Clark asked to be reinstated, Matt Costello requested inactive status, David Abrams is not going to officiate but wishes to retain membership status, Mo Nicholson requested inactive status due to injury, Gib Murphy requested Associate Membership, Paul Campbell informed the Council of his retirement. All requests were approved and the appropriate dues credits or reimbursements would be handled by Treasurer Presher. 3- President Paul Page reviewed an outline of his agenda with the council and agreed to send a draft to the Council members for their review. 4- Councilor Colburn moved that \$500 be authorized to purchase the NFHS Pre-Season Guide as an educational material to be given out to the membership with rule books; it was seconded by Councilor Vogler and approved by a vote of 9-1. 5- In order to deal with the issue of NHIAA registration, the Council decided to enact as policy the following, "In order to be assigned a game through the Arbiter or

access the Arbiter for self assignment, an NHFOA member must be registered with the NHIAA. 6- Richard Driscoll moved, with a second by Councilor Hall to make Paul Campbell an Honorary Member and be recognized at the 2013 President's Reception. The motion passed unanimously. 7- The Council discussed having NHFOA assigned line to gain crews wear orange or lime green shirts (such as those worn at the East-West Game). Councilor Krupicka moved, Councilor Trask seconded, that these shirts be offered for purchase to those who are assigned to chain crew assignments. Motion passed by a vote of 9-1. 8- Extra NHFOA polo shirts will be made available for purchase at cost through Treasurer Presher. The Treasurer also mentioned the stock of patches is winding down and perhaps the Council should soon discuss whether to change the patch design moving forward.

July 23 will be the next meeting of the NHFOA Council at Pinkerton Academy at 5:30 PM.

With nothing further to come before the Council, Councilor Lafond moved to adjourn, the motion was adopted and the Council stood adjourned at 8:30 PM.