

**NHFOA Executive Council Meeting Agenda
November 20, 2017
Derryfield Country Club, Manchester, NH**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Delois

Council Members In Attendance:

Chair Tod Trask, President Jeff Delois, President-Elect Ron Sevigny, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Councilors Kevin Boluc, Mike Grondin, Mike Lafond, Greg Sarette, Dick Tracy and Chuck Robert. Also in attendance Treasurer Jim Presher and Secretary Jason Patch.

Absent:

Councilor Kevin Maes, excused.

1) **Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by President Delois to approve the minutes from the 10/26/17 council meeting and it was seconded by President-Elect Sevigny. The motion passed unanimously and the 10/26/17 minutes were approved.

2) **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Presher presented his report which was sent out to the council in advance of the meeting. He outlined the deposits and expenditures made since our last meeting. We have an ending balance of \$21,152.60 in the general fund as of 11/9/17. We are in a healthy position budget wise as the incoming funds are offsetting our expenditures.

A motion was made by President-Elect Sevigny to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Presher. This motion was seconded by President Delois and it passed unanimously.

A reimbursement request was made by Treasurer Presher in the amount of \$1,083.31 for the purchase of pink whistles and other miscellaneous items supported by receipts. A motion was made by President-Elect Sevigny to approve the reimbursement and it was seconded by Councilor Tracy. The motion passed unanimously.

3) **Commissioner's Report:**

a) **Correspondence:**

Jeff Collins from the NHIAA sent correspondence to Commissioner Clark to commend the state championship officials and chain crews on their overall performance, effort and professionalism.

b) **Recap of Playoffs:**

Commissioner Clark was very pleased with the performance of the playoff crews and in particular those that worked the state championships. He is appreciative of the 12 members of the association that volunteered to operate the chains for the day. He feels that it is much easier for the on-field officials when they can keep their focus on the

game and not the chain crews. The entire playoffs went well with the only blemish being an ejection of one player. It went without objection from the affected school.

A motion was made by President-Elect Sevigny to accept the Commissioner's Report and it was seconded by President Delois. This motion passed unanimously.

4) Old Business:

a) 75th President's Reception:

108 people have committed to attend the event. A list of retired members that are able to attend was reviewed along with those that had to decline the invitation. A motion was made by Councilor Lafond to absorb the cost of the ticket for Marye Colburn. This was seconded by President-Elect Sevigny and it passed unanimously.

We have been communicating with Jamie Staton at WMUR weekly and he was asked to provide clips of officials on the field. He has 10 minutes of footage available through 1995-1996. The projector screen, podium and microphone will be set up for our use throughout the event. A video is available of Bert Lawlor's induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame. Jim Presher will secure from NHIAA so that it can be shown at the reception. President Delois will emcee the event and our invited guests will be introduced / recognized towards the end of the meal. Commissioner Clark suggested that we invite the head coach from Bow to be our keynote speaker as he has an outstanding message of what it means to work with kids in the capacity that we do. President Delois will extend the invitation.

b) John R. Clark Officials Award Nominees:

The Union Leader gives out an award in February each year for outstanding contributions to high school sports officiating. Nominations are given to them for consideration and the committee decides on who will be recognized. We submitted 6-8 names for consideration based on longevity with the association. Nominations can be submitted online also.

c) Uniform Committee / Drafting of Formal Policy on Shorts:

This is a crew decision and the referee will break the tie. This will be added to the NHFOA Uniform Policy moving forward.

5) New Business:

a) Agenda – 12/2/17 Business Meeting:

The sportsmanship and administrative award winners will be announced along with our election results. Patches will be awarded for our Provisional members. We will also discuss the apprentice program in an effort to generate interest for the 2018 class.

b) 2018 NHFOA Calendar:

Councilor Tracy has proposed a schedule that considers problems with scheduling and meeting attendance. A concern with the schedule proposed would be determining playoff eligibility. We are going to table this to the January meeting for additional

discussion and consideration. Treasurer Presher asked if Bow High School or Pinkerton Academy are preferred for meetings. The council is in agreement that Bow is more convenient as it is more centrally located. The state meetings and interpretations are set at the same time every year. Commissioner Clark suggested that we could possibly start the preseason meetings a week earlier. Councilor Lafond would like to see us eliminate local meetings during the week of observations. Commissioner Clark will take all suggestions and submit a proposed calendar in January.

c) 2018 NHFOA Council Meetings:

Chairman Trask is going to review attendance from this year and will be looking at locations for 2018. We will want to be more centrally located as we get closer to the season. There was some discussion of having some be online and there is concern that we will lose some of the interaction and not get as much accomplished. It has been tried in the past and it wasn't successful but we may be able to try it again.

Chairman Trask thanked outgoing council members Chuck Robert and Mike Grondin for their service to the council.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Lafond and it was seconded by President Delois. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Patch, NHFOA Secretary

Commissioner's Note: The November council meeting is the traditional time for discussion of CHaD Game and Shrine Game assignments. The president-elect is responsible for accepting nominees and presenting suggested names of members for assignment. At this time President-Elect Sevigny, in his first year of handling this responsibility, is working to create a roster of past assignments as well as understanding and codifying the guidelines for selection.

Assignment to Shrine Game requires minimum 10 years active membership, top 50% in current season field ratings, in addition to longevity, position, availability. NHFOA shares annual assignment with Vermont FOA. NHFOA members are traditionally assigned once in career to Shrine Game. CHaD game is NHFOA members only and use 7 officials. The assignments are primarily based upon longevity and flexibility of position member is capable of working. There may come a time when members receive a repeat assignment simply due to the number of officials used and available.

President Elect Sevigny met with Chair Trask and Commissioner Clark following adjournment of November 20, 2017 meeting to review criteria, previous assignments and eligible members. President-Elect Sevigny will present assignments at December Council Meeting in Manchester at Puritan Conference Center.