

NHFOA COUNCIL MEETING  
January 25, 2018  
Bow High School, Bow

Meeting called to order by Chairman Trask at 6:08 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Tod Trask, President Jeff Delois, President-Elect Ron Sevigny, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Councilors Shaun Bean, Kevin Bolduc, John Jaskolka, Michael Lafond, Kevin Maes, Greg Sarette, Dick Tracy and Treasurer Jim Presher

ABSENT: none

Chairman Trask congratulated Councilor Lafond on his re-election and congratulated and welcomed newly elected councilors Bean and Jaskolka.

Trask briefly touched upon the Council Rules of Decorum distributed via email with the meeting agenda.

Minutes of November 20, 2017 TABLED

Minutes of December 2, 2017 TABLED

Treasurer Presher distributed copies of the January Financial Report (previously distributed by email to all councilors). An overview was given showing the both budget and receipts for 2017 are at approximately 83%, with expenditures approximately \$4000 under budget in 2017. There is one check outstanding at this time, and one outstanding debt of \$125 for deposit at Puritan Conference Center. Dues receipts are presently approximately 90% with 17 members outstanding.

Checking account balance January 23, 2017 \$19,383

Checking account balance January 25, 2018 \$17,031

President Delois moved, Councilor Maes seconded to approve the January Financial Report. Following brief discussion, including Treasurers request to have multiple signatories for Bank of America checking account, Motion carried 12-0.

Commissioner's Report - Commissioner Clark provided an update of NHIAA Football Committee business including change in date for start of 2018 pre-season. Football will now begin on the same Monday as all other fall sports. Considerable emphasis continues to be placed upon player safety in areas of concern for concussions and the 14 day acclimatization schedule. Clark deferred to President

Delois in regard to any contract developments. Clark did comment that NHIAA agenda is very full and contract may not be highest priority

Councilor Sarette moved, Councilor Bolduc seconded to approve the commissioners report. There were no questions. Motion carried 12-0.

Old Business – Chairman Trask reported that all sportsmanship awards had been distributed and thanked member Vicki Parady-Guay for presenting the Administrative Awards to respective recipients at the NH Athletic Directors Association state meeting in December. Trask noted that NHFOA has yet to present longtime member Mike Blaze with Lifetime Membership unanimously awarded by NHFOA Membership at the Annual December Business Meeting.

President Delois spoke regarding the NHIAA Contract. NHFOA has yet to sign the NHIAA proposed contract and has not received any further communication from the NHIAA. Delois did send letter of statement of NHFOA position and inquiry to the NHIAA, but there has been no response. He noted there does not appear to be any sense of urgency on the part of the NHIAA.

President Delois informed the council that he had received communication for Bow Coach Cohen thanking NHFOA for the opportunity to be the NHFOA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event keynote speaker. All councilors commented Coach Cohen's well delivered and well received address. Appreciation was also expressed for WMUR Channel 9's effort and contribution of the football game highlight video.

Membership Drive – Chairman Trask opened the floor to suggestions for recruiting new members. Councilor Bean spoke about contacting college recreation departments and will follow up on securing names and address of college contacts. Councilor Maes suggested communication with all youth football leagues to inquire about former coaches or players that may have an interest, and thought securing contact names would not be difficult. The NHIAA is developing an April "Officiating Fair" at NHTI. Social media exposure and online training were mentioned. Recruitment will have a dedicated date on 2018 meeting schedule.

New Business –

Business Agenda: Chairman Trask entertained suggestions for the 2018 council agenda. After considerable discussion and contribution by all the following dates and items were scheduled.

February: Budget, Curriculum, “NHIAA Officials Fair”  
March: Mechanics Observations  
April: Membership Status & Recruitment, Apprentice Program  
May: Dress Code: Uniform, Curriculum Update  
June: Finalize Curriculum, State Meetings Program Planning  
July: Old Business Wrap-Up  
August, September and October: In-Season Issues Only

Calendar 2018: Councilor Dick Tracy submitted a proposal, as did Commissioner Clark. Both proposals were presented in both written and verbal form. Both calendars provoked considerable discussion. Neither was rejected or approved in full. Councilor Lafond recommended the first interpretation be conducted one week later on July 24<sup>th</sup>, at the suggestion of Interpreter Steve Hall. There was a request to have online exams due on a week of a local meeting. There was considerable discussion of pros and cons of possibility of occasional Saturday meetings and online instruction. Chairman Trask urged consideration of more central and regular location of both council and state meetings. Councilor Lafond spoke providing greater incentive for members to attend more the minimum required meetings. Many councilors spoke in favor of both proposals providing a front load to the schedule and a lightened load in October. Commissioner Clark recommended that the council also have the week off on the monthly “off week” by scheduling in-season council meetings on the same night as state meetings.

After considerable discussion Councilor Tracy moved commissioner’s amended proposal be adopted. Councilor Sarette seconded. Motion carried 12-0.  
(see attached schedule)

Councilor Tracy exited meeting at 7:40 P.M.

The 2018 Mechanics Observations were discussed and Chairman Trask has asked the council to take the lead on organizing this member requirement. Trask stated the Mechanics Committee under leadership of Mechanics Supervisor Stan Marro has plenty to handle with both mechanics review and recommendation as well as coordination of the weekly curriculum. Marro invited to the February meeting.

Commissioner Clark announced appointment of Rick Brownley as secretary for 2018. The appointment was met with positive comment from several councilors.

There being no other business to come before the council, President Delois moved to adjourn, President-Elect Sevigney seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Ernie Clark (acting secretary)