

NHFOA Council Meeting

2/21/2019

Bow High School, Bow, NH

Attendance

Officers

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

Council

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Bean | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Jaskolka |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Lafond | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Scofield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Parslow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Cherbonneau |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Sarette | |

Others in attendance: Members Roland St. Germain, Kevin Bolduc, Jeff Isabelle and Mitchell Mastromatteo.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Delois at 6:34 P.M.

January Meeting Minutes

President Delois requested motion for approval of January Minutes. Commissioner Clark moved to accept, seconded by Councilor Schofield. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Presher emailed to Council in advance of meeting the Treasurer's Report for January. Councilor Cherbonneau motioned to accept, Councilor Schofield seconded. Commissioner Clark asked question about check numbering and it was explained that there is no sequence to bank electronic checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Concern

A member brought an issue before the board for discussion.

Commissioners' Report (The Commissioner Yielded to the Rules Interpreter)

Steve Hall addressed the council regarding rule and mechanics changes for the 2019.

- 1) *40-Second Clock*: This year NHFS will be using a 40-second clock. There was quite a bit of discussion on this rule. It was decided that more discussion will be needed on how the NHFOA will implement.
- 2) *Horse-Collar Tackle Addition*: Grabbing the name plate area of the jersey of the runner, directly below the back collar, and pulling the runner to the ground is now an illegal personal contact foul.
- 3) *Prohibition on Tripping the Runner*: It is now a foul to intentionally use the lower leg or foot to obstruct a runner below the knees.
- 4) *Redefined Requirements for a Legal Scrimmage Formation*: A legal scrimmage formation now requires at least five offensive players on line of scrimmage with no more than four backs.
- 5) *Improved Visibility of Numbers*: Jersey numbers must be a single solid color that clearly contrast with the body color of the jersey.
- 6) *Illegal Kicking and Batting Penalty Reduced*: The penalty for illegally kicking or batting was reduced from 15 yards to 10 yards.
- 7) *By State Association Adoption, Use of Video Review Allowed for State Post-Season Contest*: This adoption would allow state associations to develop protocols for use of video replay.

2019 Points of Emphasis

- 1) Proper procedure for weather delays.
- 2) Expanded Neutral Zone as it applies to run or pass options.
- 3) Free-Blocking zone and legal blocking.

Old Business

- 1) Commissioner Clark presented an amended 2019 calendar incorporating post Labor Day opening weekend. Councilor Sarette motioned to accept the amended 2019 calendar, Councilor Jaskolka seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Advancement of Provisionals and Transfers usually takes place at the December state meeting, but lack of actual vote was an oversight in December 2018. The commissioner requested a vote by the council for the record. Councilor Bean motioned for the advancement of the Transfer Provisionals Doug Treadway (North Carolina) and Albert Gagnon (Maine), and Apprentices to

Provisional members Jeremy Baker, George Bessler, Steve Coburn, Mark Cookson, Jose Galinsky, James Newsome and Nick Sanders, seconded by Councilor Cherbonneau. The group joins Bill Smallwood and who graduated from Provisional Members to Regular members in December. All were welcomed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Chairman Delois stated that he presented the Sportsmanship award to Fall Mountain Regional High School and was well received by the school.
- 4) Chairman Delois stated ad-hoc Recruitment and Retention committee had their kickoff meeting in February at his home and the committee will meet again in March.

New Business

- 1) It was suggested that background checks be done by a committee consisting of the President, President-Elect and a possible third member. (Immediate Past Chairman Tod Trask suggested.) This committee will handle the background checks in addition to waiver requests and disciplinary action.
- 2) It was suggested that NHFOA should have a person or committee that makes sure that condolence notices and cards are sent to members when appropriate. Jim Presher stated with assistance of others (Member Dan O'Neill suggested.) he would handle mailings.
- 3) President Sevigny suggested that the NHFOA should send a representative to the NASO annual meeting in Seattle in July to network and return with suggestions on recruitment and retainment of members, a national concern. He stated the commissioner should be that person. The council agreed. Commissioner Clark is shall estimate cost of registration, flight and hotel and report back to council for consideration.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 P.M.

Next council meeting: March 21, 2019 6:30 P.M. Bow High School, Bow, NH