

NHFOA Council Meeting

5/21/2020

Virtual Meeting Using Zoom

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

Roland St. Germain, Kevin Bolduc and Robert Earl also attended the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Delois at 6:32 P.M.

Roland St. Germain

Roland came before the council to inquire on when the Commissioner received the authority to tell a school that they are not to pay the individual officials but send a check to the NHFOA instead. Chairman Delois explained that when the NHFOA went from the Saturday on field mechanics class to the on field observations it was suggested by Commissioner Clark that the NHFOA would provide officials for their jamborees at no cost as long as they made a donation to the NHFOA that would in turn go into the Scholarship fund. Roland feels that the Commissioner does not have the authority to do this. Commissioner Clark stated that he has never told a school that they do not have to pay the officials and that he does not assign official to scrimmages and jamborees but has told them that if they want to get officials to work for free that they would have to do that on their own. There was a discussion with the schools to accept a 50% rate for the scrimmages and jamborees and the money would be donated to the NHFOA

scholarship fun. Commissioner Clark further stated that this discussion was made by the council, not the commissioner.

May Meeting Minutes

Chairman Delois requested a motion for approval of the May meeting minutes. Councilor Cherbonneau moved to accept, seconded by Councilor Lafond. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Presher emailed to Council in advance of the meeting the Treasurer's Report for May. President-Elect Tracy motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Councilor Lafond. Councilor Scofield ask if any thought had been but into what happens if there is not a football season this year. Treasurer Presher stated that the expenses for Arbitrator and insurance would still be incurred by the NHFOA. Chairman Delois requested that Treasurer Presher present to the council next meeting what expenses the NHFOA may not have if there is not a football season this year. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Presher emailed the 2020 budget to the council in advance of this meeting. The 2020 budget show that with a reduction in revenue from dues Treasurer Presher is proposing a balanced budget for 2020 with our expenses being \$13,400.00 and our revenue being \$13,400.00. He also stated that there is money in the budget for ZOOM, but is not sure whether we will be using it. Chairman Delois stated that it should be presented to the NHIAA that football officials should be getting more money per game, also, maybe the NHFOA needs to discuss at a later date on the feasibility of increasing the NHFOA dues. Chairman Delois reminded the council that is was agree that the NHFOA would incur the cost of ZOOM for the first year, but that the cost would be passed off to the membership each year after the first year. Chairman Delois requested a motion for approval of the 2020 budget. Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the 2020 budget, seconded by President Sevigny. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Clark stated that he has requested of the NHIAA to not collect dues from the NHFOA membership until it has been decide if there will be a football season this year. It is also his understanding that if the membership pays their dues and only do the one sport that the member will get their money back if there is not a football season this year.

Commissioner Clark brought before the council a rewrite from last meeting of his proposed constitutional amendments. He separated them into 7 different proposals. Commissioner Clark will email the amendments to the secretary so that he may send them to the membership in advance of the July business meeting.

Commissioner Clark did some research on electronic whistles and found that the prices are all over the place, but suggested that maybe the membership may want to start thinking about buying of the electronic whistle just in case officials are required to wear a mask during games.

President-Elect Tracy motioned to accept the Commissioner's report, seconded by Councilor Scofield. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- A) Recruitment and Retention Committee: Councilor Scofield inquired if the secretary would be able to send to non-returning members an exit survey. Secretary Brownley agreed to send those emails once he receives the exiting questionnaire. Councilor Scofield also stated that he will be sending 2 emails to the communications officer (Councilor Parkin). 1 will go to the membership looking for mentors and the 2nd, looking for 1 official from each town to go onto that town's Facebook page and put an ad stating that the NHFOA is looking for officials and instructions on how to become an official.
- B) Mechanics Committee: Councilor Parslow meant to send the proposed new umpire mechanic to the council in advance of the meeting, but it did not go through so he will resend it. He is looking for feedback from the council members once they have read it.
- C) Uniform Committee: Councilor Sarette is in the process of getting the NHFOA store up and running. He is looking for an okay from the council to replace the shell jacket that is being discontinued, with a new jacket. Council okayed the change. Councilor Sarette brought before the council two masks, one white and one black. He is looking for input from the council. Commissioner Clark feels that there should be a standard color that each member should wear so the crews are uniform during games. The council agreed on Black.
- D) President's Reception: President-Elect Tracy stated that he has already booked the 2021 reception at the Backyard Brewery.
- E) Disciplinary Committee: Nothing to report
- F) Background Screening Committee: Nothing to report
- G) Circularium and State Meetings Committee: Nothing to report
- H) Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report
- I) Policy and Procedures Committee. Nothing to report
- J) Observation Committee: Nothing to report

New Business

- 1) No new business

With there being no additional business to come before the council, Councilor Lafond moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Scofield. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 P.M.