

# **NHFOA Council Regular Meeting**

**June 14, 2018**

**Bow High School, Bow, NH**

## **Attendance**

### **Officers**

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

### **Council**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Bean     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Jaskolka |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Lafond | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Maes    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Bolduc   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Tracy               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Sarette   |   |

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

## **March Meeting Minutes**

President-Elect Sevigny started a discussion about March minutes. He was not sure that the council had to right to approve the President-Elect Sevigny felt that the NHFOA Bylaws is specific that the council does not have the right to approve the waivers. After much discussion there was Chairman Trask stated the discussion was to be conducted under Old Business.

Chairman Trask entertained motion for approval of minutes. Councilor Bean motioned to accept, seconded by Councilor Lafond. Motion Carried.

## **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Presher emailed treasurer's report to the council in advance of meeting.

Councilor Bean motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Clark seconded. Motion carried.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Clark stated that he now has the Private schools schedules and assigning fully underway.

Councilor Jaskolka motioned to accept the Commissioner's report, seconded by Councilor Bean. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

- 1) Mechanics Committee: Chairperson Stan Marro brought before the council two Mechanics exceptions that Mechanics Committee would like to see approved.
  - a. Umpire Ball Placement exception. Now on long incomplete passes the Umpire stays at the spot and the Referee goes to get the ball and relays it to the Umpire. The Mechanics Committee would like the Referee to hold the spot and the Umpire would go to get the ball for the relay.
    - i. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the Umpire Ball Placement exception, seconded by Councilor Lafond. Discussion: President-Elect Sevigny stated that he feels that the primary role of the Umpire is to control the game, and keep an eye on the players in the middle, so the Referee would still be the best official to get the ball. Councilor Lafond stated that he feels that you only need a presence in the middle. Councilor Sarette stated that most Referees and Umpires agree at the pregame on who will get the ball and who will hold the spot. Motion failed.
  - b. Catch Signal Mechanic: This mechanic would allow an official to give a signal when a ball is successfully caught during a pass.
    - i. Councilor Lafond motioned to accept the Catch Signal Mechanic, Councilor Sarette seconded. Discussion: Councilor Lafond stated that he is worried that two officials could possibly give conflicting signal. Councilor Sarette feels that it would help with sideline and corner of the end zone catches. There was comment that signal would help out the press box and the fans. Motion carried.
  - c. Mr. Marro requested the council approve use of a Best Practices CD that he feels would be a good addition to the local meetings. The Council approved the request for purchase and NHFOA reimbursement.
  
- 2) The tabled 2017 Proposed Amendment: Commissioner Waivers – The proposed amendment was to allow Commissioner preliminary authority to grant waivers, with report to council any waivers. Chairman Trask stated that before the classification rule, the member would come before the council to ask for a waiver.

Chairman Trask feels that the council needs a tool to approve waivers. President-Elect Sevigny feels that this is an ethical issue, we have rules and they should be followed and that the membership were the ones who approved this rule. President-Elect Sevigny feels that the Commissioner should have the power to add an official that has not made his requirements if the Commissioner runs out of officials to cover games. There was comment that council did properly present the amendment to the membership the council should repackage it and resubmit it to the membership. Commissioner Clark strongly suggested not to rescind the waivers given last month.

- a. President-Elect Sevigny motioned to rescind the waivers granted in May, Councilor Sarette seconded. Motion failed - yeas 3, nays 5 & abstain 1.
  - b. Councilor Lafond to craft a new language and present it to the council.
- 3) Observation committee:
- a. Commissioner Clark suggested that a coordinator be at each site.
- 4) State meeting topics. Postponed to June meeting

### **New Business**

- 1) Plaques for Blaze, Smith and Patch. President-Elect Sevigny stated they are set.
- 2) At the April 19, 2018 meeting, the Uniform Committee requested shoes with minimal white be allowed to be worn during games. The council voted it down, because the 2016 Manual states shoes are to be all black. The new 2018 Manual allows minimal white on black shoes. Council acknowledges 2018 Manual.
- 3) Member Fred Russell wrote an email to the members of the council, stating his objection to the April waivers. Commissioner Clark motioned to accept Fred Russell's email and place on file, seconded by Councilor Bean. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the council, Councilor Lafond moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Sarette.

Meeting adjourned: 8:51 P.M.