

NHFOA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2017
The Maes Residence, Rumney, NH

Meeting called to order at noon by Chairman Trask

In Attendance:

Chairman Trask, Commissioner Clark, , Treasurer Presher, Councilors Bolduc, Grondin, Tracy, Maes, Sarette

Absent:

Delois, Sevigny, Patch, Lafond, Robert
Treasurer Presher takes minutes.

1. Secretary's report:

Motion made by Councilor Maes to approve the minutes of June 22, 2017 Council meeting.
Motion seconded by Chairman Trask. Motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved as drafted.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Presher presented the report which had been sent out in advance. He reviewed expenditures and deposits for the past two months. As of August 17 the current balance in the general fund is \$10,028.29. A motion was made by Councilor Tracy to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Councilor Grondin. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion as to the sale of banquet tickets through the local meeting coordinators. Councilor Tracy reviewed the ticket sales and costs.

\$112 was received from Councilor Bolduc for the sale of 75th Anniversary coins.

3. Commissioner' Report:

a) Correspondence:

Commissioner Clark reported that he had received a request from Bill Melanson to go to "inactive" status for 2017 due to an illness in the family

Commissioner Clark reported that he had received requests from Jim Gleason (current college official and former NHFOA member) and Mike Miles (to do only sub-varsity games) to return to NHFOA membership. The Commissioner is suggesting that they both return without having to take apprentice or provisional classes.

b) Update on membership status:

Most members have now paid dues and registered with NHIAA. Steve Hall will give what he hopes is the last rules interpretation after the State Meeting Bow. Test 1 and the Mechanics test are online and he monitoring.

Commissioner stated that overall the observations are going well. Chairman Trask suggested that we try to simplify the observation process as much as possible.

The Commissioner stated that he continues dealing with everybody and everything, everyday. Now that ADs are returning and the season is approaching he is constantly receiving communication from everyone

c) Meeting with Athletic Directors:

The Commissioner will be meeting with the Athletic Directors on Oct 12. He guesses that he will have about 15 minutes for his presentation

d) NHIAA Supervisor's Meeting:

Commissioner Clark stated that he attended an NHIAA Supervisors meeting (called by the Supervisors, NHIAA not present) to discuss the contract handed out by NHIAA which is to be signed by September 1. This contract states that it is to be signed by the Association President and agrees that the Association will to be governed by the By-Laws of the NHIAA, Article X 10 which can be changed at any time by NHIAA without the Associations' approval or notification. Also there was no direction as how background checks are to be accomplished.

Chairman Trask reviewed Art X as to background checks and Arbiter blocks. Commissioner Clark reviewed a report he is preparing for NHIAA and President Delois concerning Article X.

Commissioner Clark said there was no prior notification or any negotiations concerning this contract. No one was prepared for it. He has a meeting next Sunday with other Supervisors about background checks.

A motion was made by Councilor Maes to accept the Commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Grondin. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

a) 75th President's Reception

Councilor Tracy reviewed potential activities for 75th Anniversary. Ideas being considered include coverage of Reception by WMUR, local coordinators selling tickets and one game this year with knickers. There was discussion and the reaction of the Council was positive.

There was discussion of the video taken at the Honoree Luncheon and plans to have it played at the President's Reception. Editing will need to be done before presenting.

The photo taken at the first interpretation meeting has been received and will be distributed to those who paid for it by Treasurer Presher.

b) Presence of Vendors at Meetings

Treasurer Presher explained that when securing Bow High School for the upcoming meeting that he inquired about the presence of vendors at the school during the meeting. He was informed that any for-profit entity would have to pay a minimum of \$500 and provide proof of insurance

to be allowed on site during our meeting. The only other way a vendor could be legally on site during a meeting would be if the NHFOA paid the fee and got our insurance company to name the vendor on our policy. It was the consensus of the Council that vendors would not be on site unless they had been cleared through the schools meeting all criteria.

c) NHIAA Contract Discussion/Update

Discussed under Commissioner's report.

d) Amendment to NHFOA bylaws

The Commissioner discussed the meeting authority Bylaw amendment that was defeated at the business meeting. He is thinking that there was a misunderstanding by the membership as to what we were trying to accomplish. It may not have been clear. It probably not clear what a member would have to do to meet the criteria. Clark explained we need to be clear that we are not looking let anybody off the hook. He needs some flexibility in dealing with officials who end up in extenuating circumstances. Will need to look at this next year and resubmit. Remained tabled.

e) Criminal Background checks

Background checks will be done only for new members and apprentices this year. Will revisit how often criminal checks will be required in the future.

f) Observations

Discussed under Commissioner's Report. It was reported that at some sites the observation schedule went very well while at others the schedule was not good and members waited extended periods of time before they were observed. Needs further review for next year. Some sites do not adhere to a schedule.

5. New Business

a) Lifetime Membership - Mike Blaze

Chairman Trask entertained motion that Mike Blaze become a lifetime member of the NHFOA. Moved by Councilor Grondin. Second by Tracy. Motion approved unanimously.

b) John Clark Award nominees

The John Clark Award Standards were reviewed - Outstanding Contributions - The committee is asking for list to be submitted. Councilor Ron Sevigny to work on this by September.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Sarette and seconded by Councilor Tracy. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. Our next meeting will be held on September 21 at the Lafond residence in Bedford.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Presher, Treasurer