

**NHFOA Council Meeting
October 29, 2014
Newmarket Housing Authority
Newmarket, NH**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Driscoll at 5:46 PM. Present were: President Page, Councilors Trask, Kelly, Sevigny, Krupicka, Robert, Lafond & Commissioner Clark. Also attending were Secretary Smith and Treasurer Presher.

A moment of silence was held by the Council in honor of departed Brother and Councilor, Glenn Colburn.

Minutes from the September 25 meeting were adopted as submitted to the Council, moved by Lafond.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11,724.14 as of October 10. Also submitted was a budget statement. It was accepted without debate or question.

Commissioner report: Commissioner continues to get emails from NHIAA questioning our position/traditions, he in turn has asked if the Executive Director can meet to try and resolve the issues that have arisen for the first time. There was a request for an interpretation on this date of a coach requesting to use an iPad to record during a game. While NFHS may allow this outside the 9 yard marks, the NHIAA protocol does not allow this. This came up at the last NHIAA Football Committee meeting and conversation was not long-lasting and the committee voted to not allow any such recording. He sent notice to the membership and all Athletic Directors on this today. He continues to receive feedback about members not being available to get sub-varsity games. Per reports he has prepared for the Council previously, members have not suffered for a want of games this season. Lastly, if the NHIAA assigns by the list submitted, we'll set an all-time high of 78 officials working the playoffs. Questions arose regarding how to use Arbiter, mileage for officials and the like. He would appreciate if Councilors would say to members that there have been ample opportunities this year.

Old Business: 1- CHaD discussion: Councilor Krupicka asked do we want to purchase a table the night before? Is that the best use of our funds/time? It was reported that it's a donation, the same as our Shrine donation. We need not take the table while still making a donation. Possibly offer the seats to members at large of the NHFOA.

New Business: 1- Secretary Smith asked for opinions on voting procedures for the ensuing election. Councilor Krupicka moved to utilize the UNH survey center for voting. It was seconded and discussion ensued. It was noted people used to come to the banquets who cared about the association and we have now given an absentee ballot essentially, even though association apathy has gone up. If the meeting is about a celebration, rather than the election process, then perhaps our attendance will go back up. It was adopted. 2- Commissioner Clark rating proposal: he'd like to address it in the off season. 3- Commissioner Clark asked members to be supportive of the playoff assignments publicly. 4- Clr Lafond requested that the weekly meetings include the first week of September rather than the last week of October, for future planning. 5- Clr Lafond mentioned that he had worked a game with an official who is concerned about the fees being charged by the NHIAA. What gives them the right? Should we 'strike'? The NHIAA has made no qualms about the fact that they are expanding their staff and want to build a larger financial base, bottom line. Unless other associations were to agree to fight these

changes, nothing will really happen. The NHIAA is not in any financial trouble according to tax filings. It was suggested a cap be suggested to the NHIAA. 6- Bylaws amendment offered by Secretary Smith regarding meetings. It was approved by the Council for moving on to the membership at the Annual Meeting. 7- Clr Lafond was approached and asked about an endowment or memorial for Glenn Colburn. Different ideas were discussed with ideas for an award. It was suggested that Glenn's apprentices come up with something as well so the NHFOA doesn't pass anyone over in terms of memorializing. If something is done in his name, which may be better in the long run, keeping his name around in perpetuity. We'll begin collecting donations at the state meeting on November 5th for the Jimmy Fund in Glenn's name and continue this at the President's reception.

The Council went into nonpublic session at 7:47 to discuss disciplinary issues and left nonpublic session at 8:15. The results for the nonpublic session were that two officials would be suspended for the first two weeks of the 2015 session.

The next meeting will be on December 1 at the Derryfield Country Club at 5:30.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM.