

**NHFOA Council Meeting
April 23, 2015
Bow High School
Bow, NH**

As amended May 28, 2015

Meeting called to order 5:45 PM

In attendance: Chairman Paul Page, President Tod Trask, Commissioner Ernie Clark, President-Elect Jeff Delois, Steve Hall, Jay Kelly, Bob Krupicka, Chuck Robert and Treasurer Jim Presher.

A. Overview of NHFOA Drive for Excellence Meetings and Recommendations

1. Paul reviewed his Membership Requirements Committee – (Handout distributed)

-Proposal tries to match actual with reality. This proposal does NOT lower of any standards. Ernie passed out and reviewed Membership Classification Schedule.

-Paul asked for input. Changes required in constitution and bylaws reviewed discussed. There is a potential advantage for younger officials to join. This Membership Classification Schedule will need to be explained very carefully to membership. General agreement proposal is good.

-Motion: Clark moved, Kelly seconded - To adopt schedule as presented with exception to strike physical fitness requirement, eliminate ranking #10 column, 50% to 80% for apprentice attendance and Krupicka amendment that dues be 100% across the board for any member assigned via NHFOA Arbiter. Discussion followed.
Unanimous – Motion carried

2. Paul: Presented testing suggested policy. (Distributed)

-Proctored closed book exam for Referees prior to beginning of season.
-Proctored closed book exam for all members at mid- season.

-Motion: Delois moved, Clark seconded - To adopt recommendation as presented –
Explanation and discussion followed. Unanimous – Motion carried

3. Chuck Robert presented recommended changes of Uniform & Dress Committee. (Distributed)

- Black Bean Bags mandatory for 2015

- **Motion:** Delois moved, Hall seconded – to approve mandatory use of black bean bags in 2015. Discussion followed. 7 in favor, 1 opposed – Motion carried.

- Black Socks (low) to be worn with shorts –

- **Motion:** Krupicka moved, Hall seconded – Short black socks to be worn with shorts. (eg. Honig’s B37A or equivalent, no higher than ankle) Discussion followed. Unanimous – Motion carried

- Jacket required as mandatory on-field uniform

- **Motion:** Moved by Krupicka, seconded by Hall – Jacket to be mandatory on-field uniform. Discussion followed. Unanimous, motion carried.

- NHFOA Memorial Wrist Bands to recognize retiring and lost members.

- **Motion:** Moved by Hall, seconded by Trask - Recommend members wear black rubber wrist bands with NHFOA in white lettering to support and memorialize a fallen member. They are to be worn for a single weekend at the Commissioner’s instruction and include a pregame moment of silence following the PA announcement recognizing the fallen member. A member may wear the band for the remainder of the season if member wishes. Discussion followed. Unanimous - Motion carried.

- Knickers can be worn for nostalgia assignments but they are not an approved uniform item. Discussion followed.

- **Motion:** Moved by Clark, seconded by Hall - Knickers can be worn for nostalgia (special games) assignments with unanimous vote of crew but are not approved uniform item. Discussion followed. Unanimous – Motion carried

- Black Shorts w/ low black socks CAN be worn for a varsity assignment.

-**Motion:** Moved by Robert, seconded by Krupicka - Black Shorts with the low black socks CAN be worn for a varsity assignment. Krupicka asked for a roll call vote. There was discussion as to the need for a roll call vote. President Page stated that he didn’t think it necessary and called for a show of hands. 5 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

- 25 second timing device REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

- **Motion:** Moved by Robert, seconded by Trask – Back Judges will be required to use a 25 second timing device (e.g “Ready Ref” or similar device) starting in 2015. Discussion followed. Unanimous - Motion carried.

- NHFOA “Chain Crew” shirts. Robert requested item be tabled until next meeting.

- Sunglass Use. Robert requested item be tabled until the next meeting.

3. Tod Trask reviewed and presented Weekly Meeting Curriculum (distributed)

- **Motion:** Trask moved, Clark seconded – To approve the Curriculum outline as presented. Discussion followed. Unanimous - Motion carried.

4. Jeff Delois reviewed Awards /Fitness committee. (See handout)

- Jeff reviewed the Award Committee's thoughts that perhaps a "Rookie of the Year", a single "Most Improved" (or for each position) and "Service to NH Football" award might be considered. In the end the Committee decided that it would be best for the Council to determine which awards should be considered.

- Jeff then went on to the Officiating Fitness Committee report with help from Jay Kelly. The Fitness Committee concluded that while they would like to see some sort of mandatory fitness standards, liability issues prevent such a step.

The following are recommended to every member:

- *Complete and annual physical
- *Complete an bi-annual vision exam
- *Initiate a preseason fitness plan
- *Develop a pre/post game warm up routine
- *Every official has the personal choice to wear appropriate protective equipment

- Jeff has contacted Stan Marro and is pleased to announce that Stan has agreed to be the next Assistant Mechanics Supervisor.

5. Committee assignments reviewed by President Tod Trask.

6. Commissioner reported that he, Trask and Page met with the NHIAA Executive Director Chris Collins and Assistant Director Dave Rozumek at NHIAA. Correspondence was received from Donna Plumb of NHIAA.

7. Moved by Delois seconded by Clark to Adjourn.
Unanimous - Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Next meeting – May 28, Exeter, Chamber of Commerce, 24 Front Street

Submitted by J. Presher, Treasurer