

NHFOA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2016

- 1) **Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. In attendance were Mike Lafond, Jeff DeLois, Ron Sevigny, Bob Krupicka, Tod Trask, Ernie Clark, Paul Page and Mike Grondin.
- 2) **Review and Approve Minutes from the 9/22/16 Meeting** – The minutes were approved as written.
- 3) **Review and Approve October 2016 Treasurer’s Report** – This item was tabled until the next Council Meeting.
- 4) **Commissioner’s Report** – a) **Correspondence** – Commissioner Ernie Clark had no correspondence to share with the council. b) – **NHIAA Football Committee Meeting** – Ernie had previously provided the council with the minutes to the most recent meeting but did review two key items discussed at the meeting. The committee is discussing 4 divisions once again but it does not seem like at this time that the idea has a large amount of support. The committee is also considering a proposal to suggest that all helmet to helmet contact become an automatic disqualification although there are many concerns with this due to how difficult it can be to call and how often it can happen unintentionally so it will require much more discussion. c) **Game Issues that Require Clarification or Review through Week 7** – Ernie reported that Bob Colgate of NHFS has stated that they are non-committal on the foam Guardian helmet shells and that there is no prohibition on teams/players wearing them. d) **Tournament Assigning** - Donna Plumb of NHIAA will be handling the tournament assignments, distributing them each Monday of the three post season weeks after the pairings are officially determined. Work will be done up front to prevent potential conflicts that can create rescheduling logistics and crew shuffling later in each week.
- 5) **Old Business** – a) **Background Checks** – President Tod Trask reported that the background check process is 100% complete with no issues! The fee was \$2500 for 156 inquiries and new people can be checked going forward for \$13 per person. All new members will need to submit to the process and the council will review how frequent the whole membership will need to be processed. The NHFOA By-Laws will be updated to include this practice. b) **New Software for Rules and Mechanics** – This item was tabled until January and will be part of the Curriculum Committees work to prepare for the 2017 Season.
- 6) **New Business** – a) **Preparation for 11/01/16 State Meeting** – Ernie and Tod are working on the agenda which will include a guest speaker, playoff preparation materials, rules and mechanics updates and a brief discussion of ratings criteria. b) **Election Update** – We will be electing a President-Elect and four council members this fall, nominations close October 31, ballots will be distributed on 11/14/16 and voting will close on 11/19/16 at midnight. The new council members will be announced on December 3 at the Annual Meeting. c) **Annual Meeting** – Plans are still being finalized, watched this space. In 2017 we will be having our meeting at the Yard and will also be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the NHFOA. **Alternate Officials for Tournament Finals** – The Commissioner asked for and received the Council’s permission to continue this practice.
- 7) **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. The Council will meet next on Monday, November 21 at Derryfield CC.