

**NHFOA Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017
at Bow High School**

Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Chairman Tod Trask

In Attendance:

Chairman Tod Trask, President Jeff Delois, Commissioner Ernie Clark, Secretary Jason Patch, Treasurer Jim Presher, Councilors Kevin Bolduc, Greg Sarette, Michael Lafond, Mike Grondin, Kevin Maes, Dick Tracy, Chuck Robert.

Absent:

President-Elect Ron Sevigny

1. Acceptance of January Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by President Delois to approve the minutes from the 1/26/17 council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilor Maes and it passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner's Report:

The NHIAA Football Committee met today and no changes are being made to the start date in 2017. They are looking at reducing the amount of contact but also want the players to have the time required to acclimate themselves to the weather/heat. No written proposals have been drafted as of yet but it is expected that one will be created soon to establish a starting point for discussion. A coaches clinic is going to be held in April and Commissioner Clark asked if we could be included in this.

Commissioner Clark raised our interest in possibly hosting a jamboree for the purpose of helping us evaluate our officials. There was not much interest from those in attendance as they seem to be set in their ways. Kingswood is looking into holding its own jamboree this year. We would like to approach them about working their event but need to make sure that we are able to establish the format for the portion that involves the evaluation process.

Bill Main and Stan Marro are confirmed to attend next month's meeting. We will be looking for their feedback on the evaluation process from last year. The council would also like to make some amendments to the form that was used. We will also want to hear from them regarding proposals for mechanics exceptions.

Commissioner Clark had asked previously that the council consider working a Hudl subscription into the budget. He has since found a site called zebraweb.org which allows you to purchase various components including website, scheduling and the ability to view video footage.

Chairman Trask said that he looked into this and the total cost for what we need would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00. The general feeling is that we would be at least a year out before looking at any potential changes.

The final ratings have been sent to our membership and Commissioner Clark hasn't received any feedback or inquiries.

A motion was made by Councilor Grondin to approve the Commissioner's Report. This motion was seconded by Councilor Lafond and it passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Presher presented his report which was sent out to the council in advance of the meeting. He would like to send in a check for \$600.00 for the purchase of an ad for the Shrine Game. We want to get this in early so that we can submit a special ad for the 75th Anniversary of NHFOA.

A motion was made by Councilor Lafond to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Presher. This motion was seconded by Councilor Bolduc and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer Presher presented his 2017 budget to the council for consideration. Various categories were discussed including education, background checks and the President's fund which takes into account activities associated with the NHFOA 75th Anniversary season.

A motion was made by Chairman Trask to approve Treasurer Presher's budget as presented. This motion was seconded by Councilor Bolduc and it passed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

a) 75th Anniversary President's Reception:

Dan O'Neil was in attendance to discuss the progress being made with the planning of the 75th Anniversary President's Reception. We have booked the conference center at The Puritan Backroom from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on 12/2/17 and it seats 250 people. Three buffet options were provided to us ranging in price from \$18.95 - \$28.95 per person plus 9% tax and 17% gratuity. Parking shouldn't be an issue and we will make sure that spaces are reserved for our retired members.

Dan O'Neil raised the possibility of having gifts available for the membership for presentation that day. Councilor Bolduc is going to research prices and designs of pint glasses or some other comparable gift for consideration. The council discussed charging \$20.00 for each association member and \$30.00 for member-invited guests. We will look to cover the cost of all guests invited by the NHFOA council. Dan O'Neil will return to our May or June meeting so that we can finalize our menu and agenda for the event.

b) 75th Anniversary Apparel / Logo / Memorabilia:

Councilor Bolduc suggests that we pare down some of the items that he has sent out for consideration so that decisions can be made. He would like to see if we could approve wearing black 75th anniversary jackets on the field before the game as long as all officials have them. He is also asking for the same consideration for wearing association polo shirts to varsity game sites if all crew members comply. Chairman Trask has requested that Councilor Bolduc bring this back to the uniform committee and put together a written proposal for the council.

The council has agreed on the logo that will be used for our 75th anniversary memorabilia. It was suggested that we offer several items to the membership for personal purchase including windbreakers, polo shirts, hooded sweatshirts and hats.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark to provide each member of the association with a lapel pin and commemorative coin with the cost being taken care of by the NHFOA. This was seconded by Councilor Grondin and the motion was approved unanimously.

There is a concern that the order will need to be placed by the end of May in order to get items by July. This is going to be finalized by the March meeting and Councilor Bolduc will send out the proposed items for approval. We will want to finalize the order form by April.

c) Local Meeting Make Up:

Commissioner Clark would like to draft a proposal for consideration which would allow members to have a way to make up a local meeting if they are unable to attend. We would also like to establish guidelines for claiming errors on the attendance sheet for the purpose of meeting credit.

d) Status of Awards Distribution:

The majority of the sportsmanship and administrative awards have been distributed. Councilor Maes is going to drop off Plymouth's award as they will not be having an assembly in the near future. Councilor Robert is going to coordinate with Keene to get their award delivered. Councilor Lafond will contact Stevens to work out a time with them.

e) Committee Chairs:

President-Elect Sevigny is not in attendance tonight and as such we will table this topic until the March meeting.

5. New Business:

- a) Shaun Bean and Mark Gregorakos have not confirmed their attendance for the March meeting. Councilor Grondin will reach out to see if they are available.
- b) Bill Main and Stan Marro have confirmed and will be on hand to discuss mechanics and the observation process.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Maes and it was seconded by Councilor Grondin. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Patch, NHFOA Secretary