

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors

July 17, 2018

NHSA Office, Tilton, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Beth Horvath-Palmer

Roll Call

Officers Present: President, Beth Horvath-Palmer
 Vice President, Lucy Ford
 Secretary, Tom Willand

Directors Present: Nelly Roache, Don Foote, Lisa Charrette, Cheryl Spillane, Charlie Kurtz,
 Evelyn Ferrell, Scot Heath, Susan Phillips, Maxwell Duncanson, Rob
 Kennedy, Don McMurchy, Joe Gorman, Russ Neal, Terry Callum, Mike
 Joyce, Roger Wright.

Directors Absent/Excused: Treasurer Dan Weed, Warren Piquette, Kim Bergeron, Dean Beaman.

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Dan Gould, Administrative Assistant Stephanie A.
 Davis.

Approve Agenda Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to accept the agenda.
 Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: Chief Chris Gamache of NH Bureau of Trails, Robert Kelly of Easterseals
 NH Camp Sno-Mo, Past President Craig Mayo, Dottie Kurtz of Umbagog
 Snowmobile Association, Ian Gates and Andrew Brousseau of Shugah
 Valley Snow Riders, and Kevin Lacasse and Nick Pratt of Pittsburg Ridge
 Runners.

President's Comments: Beth thanked everyone for coming and spoke of the unexpected loss of
 Frank Colon, a volunteer for many years, and called for a moment of
 silence.

- Secretary's Report: Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the June minutes with the correction of submitted by changed to Stephanie from Dan Gould. NHTOA Immediate Past President Roger Wright seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath seconded. Motion passed.
- Executive Director's Report Dan spoke of having passed his one year anniversary and that the office has had a busy summer already. Membership packages went out to the clubs. The JLCAR hearings for Fish & Game Administrative Rules changes have been held with contact being made to legislators regarding NHTOA's position. He has been in contact with NHTOA with regards to the current landowner concerns/issues. He is working on the new SnoTraveler design and is getting in touch with advertisers. Grass Drags work is underway and camping is online as well as other forms. The Business Supporter program is getting ready to be launched. We have been working on Trailmaster Workshop ideas and map updates.

STATE AGENCIES:

- Bureau of Trails: Chief Gamache reported that some clubs have not yet cashed their checks. FEMA is here to assess storm damage. GIA contracts have been approved for summer projects. He spoke of the NHTOA biomass issues and gave statistics on the issue. He is monitoring the trails that could possibly be affected.
- NH Fish and Game: Captain Walsh could not attend.
- Easters Seals NH: Rob Kelly reported that as of July 4, he is an American citizen. Kids are at Camp Sno-Mo and have been earning merit badges in conjunction with Boy Scouts of America in activities including riflery and wood carving amongst others. The Camp Sno-Mo Fishing Day is Friday, July 20. And Easterseals Ballpark Takeover is Sunday, July 23.
- Correspondence: Beth read a letter from Jason Cambra thanking NHTOA for his book scholarship.
Beth read a letter from Wildlife Heritage Foundation thanking NHTOA for the donation.

Guests Wishing to Speak: Ian Gates of Shugah Valley Snow Riders spoke about the work a group of riders in the state are doing to legalize backcountry snowmobiling in some areas of the state. He spoke to the difference between backcountry riding and off trail riding and how they could assist with the illegal off trail riding occurring. He asked if NHSA would be willing to form a committee to discuss and explore this concept. Roger said he would be making a presentation during the New Business section of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board: There is a meeting July 27 at the office.

Annual Meeting: A search is currently underway for a venue.

Assessment: Kim was not present.

Club Support: Packets have been sent out to the clubs. Stephanie officially handed over the committee to Hillsborough County Assistant Director Susan Phillips.

Grass Drags: Vendors are signing on. Volunteer work forms have been coming in online. The online forms are working well. Club volunteer program needs clubs.

Insurance: No meeting.

Legislative: Monitoring SB365 & SB446.

Map/Trails/WMNF: Scot spoke of Trailmasters Workshop and some possible classes. Scot spoke to the issues regarding the possible Rail Trail access to the East Side of Manchester.

Membership/PR: Lucy spoke of the meeting with a vendor for apparel.

Lucy has the Super Raffle trailer ready and is working on the sled and a third prize. Information for Super Raffle will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

Marketing: A 50th anniversary logo is being worked on for the decals and apparel for this season.

Nominations: No contributor/dealer representation. No meeting.

Registration Program Review: There is a meeting July 30 with a possible special meeting in August.

Ride-In: There will be a meeting next month.

Scholarship: No meeting. No report.

Finance: Dan was not present.

DIRECTORS REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Beth reported that an attorney has contacted our attorney regarding our by-law presentation and the vote at Special Meeting. Discussion ensued.

When asked who hired the attorney, the Board was told it was Donald LeClair who had his attorney contact our attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

Beth swore in the following County Directors: Scot Heath of Hillsborough County and Don Foote of Carroll County. She swore in the following Assistant County Directors: Dave Murray of Merrimack County and Mike Joyce of Sullivan County.

Roger Wright gave a presentation regarding off trail riding and how to address it. He suggested a committee made up of the trails committee, dealers, Fish & Game, Bureau of Trails, and responsible backcountry riders to explore the options for that segment of the sport covering possible legalization in certain areas, obtaining permissions in those areas, among other issues. Discussion ensued with Ian Gates, Andrew Brousseau, Kevin Lacasse, and Nick Pratt assisting with answering questions and concerns.

ADJOURN:

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved that the meeting adjourn. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie A. Davis
NHSA Administrative Assistant