

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors

August 21, 2018

NHSA Office, Tilton, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Beth Horvath-Palmer

Roll Call

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

Directors Present: Warren Piquette, Don Foote, Lisa Charrette, Dean Beaman, Cheryl
 Spillane, Charlie Kurtz, Scot Heath, Susan Phillips, Maxwell Duncanson,
 Rob Kennedy, Don McMurchy, Joe Gorman, Russ Neal, Terry Callum,
 Roger Wright.

Directors Absent/Excused: Nelly Roache, Kim Bergeron, Evelyn Ferrell, Dave Murray, Mike Joyce.

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

Approve Agenda Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to accept the agenda.
 NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconded. Motion passed.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: Captain David Walsh of New Hampshire Fish & Game, Kasey Rouille of
 Easterseals NH, Kevin Lacasse and Nick Pratt of Pittsburg Ridge Runners,
 Ian Gates and Andrew Brousseau of Shugah Valley Snow Riders, Shawn
 Barrett of Strafford Swamp Stompers, Past President Harold Case.

President's Comments: Beth thanked everyone for coming and outlined what has gone on with the
 office and Association over the past month.

Secretary's Report: Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the July minutes
 with Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the Treasurer's report. NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report Dan spoke of attending fishing day at Camp SnoMo. The office has been working on an outline for the clubs explaining the discount and voucher process now. The audit was completed smoothly the previous week. Club reports and news are coming in. The office has been busy with the new format and design of Sno-Traveler. We have already presold more ad space for this season than all of last year. Business Supporters are signing on. There is an incentive program with Biteharder to give 10% of each NH order to NHSA to be used for club/trail program.

STATE AGENCIES:

Bureau of Trails: Chief Gamache could not attend.

NH Fish and Game: Captain Walsh stated fishing day went well at Camp SnoMo and that the Administrative Rules passed. .

Easters Seals NH: Rob Kelly could not attend and Kasey stood in for him. She stated camp is going well and very busy. The Ride-In Committee has met and planning has begun for the 2019 event. She thanked NHSA for their support of Easterseals NH.

Correspondence: None.

Guests Wishing to Speak: Ian Gates of Pittsburg Ridge Runners thanked the board for listening to them at the last meeting and considering forming a committee to study legal backcountry riding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board No report.

Annual Meeting Venue will be announced along with other details at Presidents Meeting. Start sending in awards nominations.

Assessment Committee No report.

Club Support Susan is getting a fundraising class together for Trailmasters.

Grass Drags Roger reported that things are really busy and the club program needs people to volunteer.

Insurance Committee Next meeting will be soon to establish SOPs for the committee.

Legislative

Terry gave Dan Gould chairman of the committee. He discussed the Timber Owner/Biomass veto response from NHSA.

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to accept the statement below as the official NHSA statement regarding this issue. NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconded. Motion passed.

“The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association is aware of the ongoing debate relative to SB 365 and 446. As an Association, we have always had strong working relationships with private property owners. Without their cooperation and permission, we would be unable to have the statewide trail system that exists today. Certainly, the loss of access to private land for trails would create challenges for our sport in NH. It is our hope that landowners remain willing to grant access to their property.”

Map & Trails/WMNF
Membership/PR

Trailmasters Meeting is in the works.

Lucy has all the raffle prizes and tickets and packets will be ready to go within the next week hopefully.

Marketing

Dan reported the marketing efforts that are underway during his Executive Director’s report.

Nominations

No meeting/no report. Need a Dealer Director.

Registration Program Review

Terry stated he will speak during Old Business.

Ride-In/Search

No report.

Scholarship

No report.

Finance

A meeting is scheduled for next week.

NHSA Vice president Lucy Ford moved to lend Stoddard rock Hoppers \$669.00 to pay half of their insurance premiums contingent on a repayment contract. Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath seconded,]. Motion passed.

Director Reports:

Belknap County: Warren Piquette- No meeting.

Carroll County: Don Foote- No meeting.

Cheshire County: Kim Bergeron-No meeting.

Coos County: Cheryl Spillane- No meeting.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell-No report.

Hillsborough County: Scot Heath- No meeting.

Merrimack County: Maxwell Duncanson- No meeting

Rockingham County: Rob Kennedy- Meeting next week.

Strafford County: Joe Gorman- No meeting.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum- No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum gave an overview of the Registration Program Review Committee's work. He presented the changes that have been proposed and reiterated repeatedly that this document and proposal is not official or finalized in any manner. It is to simply keep the board abreast of where the committee is at with their work.

Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath moved NHSA approve RTP funding moving \$160,000-180,000 from the motorized fund to GIA. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Motion passed. See attached document.

The proposal will be presented with no vote at the Presidents Meeting to get feedback and input from the clubs.

NEW BUSINESS:

NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford invited everyone to attend the Advisory Board dinner in early November.

Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath requested a committee be formed to explore legalizing backcountry riding in NH. Beth stated the Executive Board would be discussing that at their meeting next week.

ADJOURN:

Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to adjourn. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie A. Davis
NHSA Administrative Assistant