

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors

January 15, 2019

NHSA Office, Tilton, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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, Nelly Roache, Don Foote, Lisa Charrette, Kim Bergeron, Cheryl Spillane, Charlie Kurtz, Evelyn Ferrell, Scot Heath, Maxwell Duncanson, Dave Murray, Don McMurchy, Joe Gorman, Russ Neal, Terry Callum, Roger Wright.

Directors Absent/Excused: Dean Beaman, Susan Phillips, Rob Kennedy, Mike Joyce.

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

Approve Agenda Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the agenda. Hillsborough County Director Scot Heath seconded. Agenda approved.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: Captain David Walsh of New Hampshire Fish & Game, NH Bureau of Trails Chief Chris Gamache, Robert Kelly of Easterseals NH, Past President Harold Case, Dottie Kurtz of Umbagog Snowmobile Association, Bob Spillane of Dalton Ridge Runners, Jena Hayes-Financial Director of Race Into Winter, Dick Pendergast CPA.

President's Comments: Beth welcomed everyone and stated we have had some interesting weather. She said a lot of trails still need work and the clubs are all working hard. She has been getting feedback in the proposed registration increase. She thanked everybody who works so hard to make snowmobiling in NH work. She stated a lot of good things are coming up

including events and fundraisers. She encouraged the counties to work on their county baskets for Ride-In.

Secretary's Report: Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the September minutes with NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford moved to accept the Treasurer's report with Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconding. Motion passed. Dick Pendergast CPA explained the differences between an audit and a review and answered questions from the board. Dick personally felt a review is a better choice for the Association unless there is a problem.

Executive Director's Report Dan stated that the trail guides are in. All the County Directors were receiving their boxes of maps for clubs and businesses in their counties at the meeting. Dan thanked the clubs for getting the data together and the Chief for all his help with the maps. Dan requested County Directors take him snowmobiling in their counties. He wants to ride and see as much of the club trails as possible. Dan stated he has been working with Adam regarding the Legislative process occurring. Dan stated the office has been preparing for Ride-In and SnoFest. Dan also addressed the AP story regarding Reciprocity weekend.

STATE AGENCIES:

Bureau of Trails: Chief Gamache stated November was great and December was rough. Half of the state is open with groomed trails. He went over the weather forecast for the coming week, stating that would help open more of the state. He reminded that grooming logs and billing needs to be in by the tenth of each month. He reminded everyone that DOT highway crossing permits must go to the Bureau first. He asked that County Directors remind clubs that state lands are not guaranteed for trails. He stated Spring RTP may be impacted by the government shutdown. He has been meeting with the town of Gorham regarding the parade at Ride-In. He also spoke with the Army National Guard training facility regarding Trailmasters 2019. There was discussion regarding Reciprocal weekend and possibly NH having its own free weekend.

NH Fish and Game: Captain Walsh stated there are currently 23,143 registered snowmobiles in the state. He will be reaching out to Adam regarding the Legislation currently in process and encouraged NHSA attendance.

Easters Seals NH: Rob Kelly stated two events had occurred Saturday to raise funds for Camp SnoMo. Rob stated he would like to do something permanent at camp to commemorate the relationship between Easterseals and NHSA. Registrations are already coming in for summer 2019 for camp.

Correspondence: Beth reported the Association had agreed to a \$500 partner sponsorship for SnoFest. The trailer will be located at Coleman State Park and Dan and Steph will be staffing it.
The Easterseals Annual Report was received. Beth read a letter from Larry Gammons and passed it around for all to look at.

Guests Wishing to Speak: No guests wishing to speak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board No report.
Annual Meeting There will be a meeting after Ride-In wraps up. Award nomination forms are online. The Gala is May 18, 2019 at Mountain View Grand.

Assessment Committee Kim has reached out to committees for SOPs and to County Directors for ideas for SOPs.

Club Support No report.
Grass Drags Jena has been working on getting figures in line to present to the Board. Jena presented the financial report. Ev stated she has a strong committee and many repeat club volunteers.

Insurance Committee No meeting.
Legislative Dan has a registration proposal informational handout he created with Terry and Adam. Terry thanked the members of the Registration Committee, Bureau of Trails, and Fish & Game.
The current LSRs were discussed.

Map & Trails/WMNF Scot attended the Statewide Trails Committee Meeting with Captain Walsh and Chief Gamache. Joe stated that District 1 has a new councilor.

Membership/PR Lucy discussed Super Raffle. An email went out requesting tickets and money to be returned. SnoFest was discussed and it was again stated that Dan and Steph will be going. The membership portal was discussed.

Marketing No meeting.
Nominations Discussion about candidates for officers.

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to not use Sno-Traveler to announce slate of officers and instead announce through email, website, and traditional mail. An email to each club officer, website, and traditional mail to club address. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Discussion ensued. Terry and Joe withdrew the entire motion. Sullivan County Director Terry Callum made a motion to not use Sno-Traveler to notify of the slate of officers. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Registration Program Review Report was given during Legislative Committee report.

Ride-In/Search

Cheryl reminded everyone to work on their county baskets. Strafford County Director moved to spend \$250 on a NHTSA office basket. Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron seconded. Motion passed.

Scholarship

No meeting.

Finance

NHTSA Treasurer Dan Weed wanted to finish the discussion regarding audits and reviews. NHTSA Vice President Lucy Ford suggested it be a Rule of Business. Discussion ensued. Terry suggested the Treasurer be allowed to make audit decision per by laws. Discussion ensued.

Coffee Break:

Director Reports:

Belknap County: Warren Piquette- No meeting.

Carroll County: Don Foote- Meeting 01/16.

Cheshire County: Kim Bergeron- Had first digital meeting. 80% attended via telephone. Next meeting will be in April.

Coos County: Cheryl Spillane- Last meeting 12/20.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell-Last meeting 12/19 for a Christmas party and Roger attended with a membership program follow up along with Shawn & Clint from Bureau of Trails and Fish and Game and Forest Service representatives. Next meeting 01/23.

Hillsborough County: Scot Heath- No meeting. Next meeting 01/28. Discussion regarding next meeting.

Merrimack County: Maxwell Duncanson- Met 01/08. It was well attended and they worked on county basket. Next meeting 02/13.

Rockingham County: Don McMurchy-No meeting. Next meeting 01/28 in Exeter.

Strafford County: Russ Neal- No meeting.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum- No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Beth reported on the suit. The Association is compiling documents, affidavits, etc. while the attorneys go back and forth.

NEW BUSINESS: Ev reported the NH Snowmobile Museum has requested club decals or patches for county displays at the Museum. They are having a rally February 17 from 8am-2pm.

ADJOURN: Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron made a motion to adjourn. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie A. Davis
NHSA Administrative Assistant