

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors

February 19, 2019

NHSA Office, Tilton, NH

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

Roll Call

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

Directors Present: Warren Piquette, Nelly Roache, Don Foote, Dean Beaman, Cheryl
 Spillane, Charlie Kurtz, Evelyn Ferrell, Susan Phillips, Dave Murray, Rob
 Kennedy, Russ Neal, Terry Callum, Mike Joyce, Roger Wright.

Directors Absent/Excused: Vice President Lucy Ford, Lisa Charrette, Kim Bergeron, Scot Heath,
 Maxwell Duncanson, Don McMurchy, Joe Gorman.

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 Assistant Director Russ Neal seconded. Agenda
 approved.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: Captain David Walsh of New Hampshire Fish & Game, NH Bureau of
 Trails Chief Chris Gamache, Past President Harold Case, Adam Schmidt
 of J. Grimbilas Strategic Solutions, Steve Kiander of Fort Mountain
 Trailwinders, Melissa Binette of Belmont Bogie Busters.

President's Comments: Beth welcomed everyone and congratulated the Ride-In Committee for a
 successful weekend. She stated the event just gets bigger and better. She
 requested the room give Nelly and her committee a round of applause.
 Beth read the entry Congresswoman Annie Kuster had put in the
 Congressional Record regarding NHSA and Ride-In.

Secretary's Report: Belknap County Director Warren Piquette moved to accept the January minutes with Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal moved to accept the Treasurer's report with NHSA Secretary Tom Willand seconding. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report Dan stated that he has been at a lot of meetings and has had a lot of late nights working on what would be discussed during Legislative and Registration Review Committee Reports.

STATE AGENCIES:

Bureau of Trails: Chief Gamache stated there is almost statewide snow. He reported that the Ray Burton Memorial Ride went well with snow and no rain. Ev, Terry, and Dan Gould represented NHSA on the ride. He said the representatives from the clubs did very well explaining what it is clubs do. He reminded everyone about the Groomer Rodeo that will be taking place at SnoFest. He stated he and his family took a ride with Dan Gould and his wife the previous Saturday and the trails were packed.

NH Fish and Game: Captain Walsh stated there are currently 39,766 registrations. There were five accidents over the weekend and three more today. He said accidents are about average for this time of year. The fine increase bill has passed the House and is going to the Senate.

Easters Seals NH: Rob Kelly could not attend and instead sent the attached report.

Correspondence: Beth read a letter from NH Timber Owners Association thanking NHSA for the donation.

Guests Wishing to Speak: No guests wishing to speak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Adam Schmidt from J. Grimbilas Strategic Solutions introduced himself and explained a bit about what he does as our lobbyist. He thanked all who came to speak against HB699. He stated HB630 (the fine bill) is moving along. Terry stated he and Dan visited the Rockingham County meeting to

address questions and concerns regarding the registration proposal bill. Discussion ensued about various topics relating to the registration increase proposal. Dan, Terry, and Adam met with the NH Auto Dealers Association regarding their concerns with the bill. Adam stated the NHADA would not oppose the bill if certain conditions were met. Discussion ensued and a vote was taken on whether or not to go with a two tiered increase or the full increase all at once. There were nine yes votes, one abstention (Rockingham County) and three yes votes from the Executive Board to move forward with the full increase.

Registration Program Review Report was given during Legislative Committee report.

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to move Ride-In Committee report to be next. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Motion passed.

Ride-In/Search

Nelly stated Ride-In was amazing and let the board know there was a letter in their packets regarding how each county basket did. Nelly presented the Ride-In check in the amount of \$120,508.63 and thanked everyone who contributed.

Coffee Break:

8:30-8:48 pm

Advisory Board

No report.

Annual Meeting

Gala is May 18, 2019 at Mountain View Grand. There was a meeting last week where the schedule was reworked and other plans nailed down. It was suggested that more affordable lodging options be offered and Stephanie will contact local establishments to get special rates there.

Assessment Committee

No report.

Club Support

Susan stated she is working on fundraising ideas.

Grass Drags

Ev reported the committee is finally taking a bit of a break.

Insurance Committee

No report.

Map & Trails/WMNF

No report.

Membership/PR

Super Raffle and Membership Report are in the packet.

Marketing

Stephanie reported the new apparel has arrived to be unveiled at SnoFest and showed the board one of the new designs developed in collaboration with Body Covers.

Nominations

Dan Weed stated Steve Kiander of Fort Mountain Trailwinders is interested in running for Treasurer.

Scholarship

There is a committee in place and there has not been a meeting.

Finance

Dan Weed stated there is a meeting tomorrow night.

Director Reports:

Belknap County: Warren Piquette- No meeting.

Carroll County: Don Foote- Meeting next Thursday. He stated he was very proud of the two baskets Carroll County made for Ride-In.

Cheshire County: Dean Beaman- Had a Skype meeting in January with about 50% attendance. Next meeting in March.

Coos County: Cheryl Spillane- They had sixteen people attend their last meeting. The next meeting is next Thursday. She described how she has a door prize for the meeting and it seems to keep people engaged.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell-The last meeting was well attended. The next meeting is next weekend. She stated they have a 50/50 raffle at their meetings and the proceeds are used for the raffle at the Christmas potluck.

Hillsborough County: Susan Phillips- Their last meeting had Legislators and Senators at it and a lot was discussed.

Merrimack County: Dave Murray- Last meeting was 02/13. Next meeting 03/12. He stated they have a contest throughout the year for bragging rights for who put on the best meal. Also, Max has instituted a Bring A Friend program.

Rockingham County: Rob Kennedy- Thanked Dan & Terry for coming to the January meeting. He said it was well attended. Next meeting is next Monday.

Strafford County: Russ Neal- No meeting.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum- No meeting. Terry did discuss an issue they are having with rude and inconsiderate riders getting into altercations with landowners.

OLD BUSINESS: Beth stated the Don LeClair suit is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Murray passed out a handout regarding a proposal he would like to present at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: Sullivan County Director Terry Callum made a motion to adjourn. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie A. Davis
NHSA Administrative Assistant