

Minutes of the NHTSA Board of Directors

March 19, 2019

NHTSA Office, Tilton, NH

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by President Beth Horvath-Palmer

Roll Call

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

Directors Present: Warren Piquette, Don Foote, Lisa Charrette, Kim Bergeron, Dean Beaman, Cheryl Spillane, Charlie Kurtz, Evelyn Ferrell, Scot Heath, Susan Phillips, Dave Murray, Rob Kennedy, Don McMurchy, Russ Neal, Terry Callum, Mike Joyce, Roger Wright.

Directors Absent/Excused: Nelly Roache, Maxwell Duncanson, 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. NHTSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconded. Agenda approved.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: NH Bureau of Trails Chief Chris Gamache, Past President Harold Case, Chris Runnalls of Wolfeboro Snowmobile Club.

President's Comments: Beth welcomed everyone and stated there have been a lot of phone calls and emails to work on the Don LeClair lawsuit and there had been a Legislative hearing today. She stated everyone is ramping up for Annual Meeting. She thanked everyone who attended the Legislative hearing and stated it definitely made a difference.

Secretary's Report: Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal moved to accept the February minutes with NHTSA Vice President Lucy Ford seconding. Motion passed.

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to accept the Special Meeting minutes with Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron seconding. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report NHTA Vice President Lucy Ford moved to accept the Treasurer's report with Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal seconding. Motion passed.

Executive Director's Report Dan stated that Terry will discuss the Legislative topics later during Committee Reports. He gave praise to Terry, Adam, Jody, Chief Gamache, Captain Walsh, club members, and the Board for all of their hard work. He stated Annual Meeting information will be going out to clubs by the end of the week and let the Directors know that we need more nominations for Annual Awards. SnoFest was much bigger this year and \$1500 of apparel was sold out of the trailer. He told the board how he brought his neighbor, a landowner, out snowmobiling and that the gentleman loved it. He said it may be something Directors and/or clubs might want to think about doing.

STATE AGENCIES:

Bureau of Trails: Chief Gamache stated they had a Groomer Rodeo at SnoFest. It wasn't as heavily attended as the rest of the event. Clubs need to get billing in for February to get paid. Lakes Region and south is toning down now but he has put on 25-50 miles right from his backyard in the Lakes Region for the past couple of weeks. He stated the North Country will be riding into April in spots. Summer GIA packets will be going out the first week of April. Trail reports will continue this week and next.

NH Fish and Game: Captain Walsh was unable to attend.

Easters Seals NH: Rob Kelly reported he had hired some staff on a trip to England. There is a respite weekend this weekend. They have begun getting ready for summer.

Correspondence: Beth read a letter from Go North SnoFest thanking NHTA for attending the event.
NH Timber Owners Association requested a renewal of membership. Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron moved to renew the membership with Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal seconding. Motion passed.

Society for Protection of NH Forests requested a membership renewal. Strafford County Assistant Director Russ Neal moved to renew the membership with Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron seconding. Motion passed.

NH Wildlife Foundation requested that NHSA become a member of their organization. Cheshire County Director Kim Bergeron moved to table the matter until we get more information about the organization with Strafford County assistant Russ Neal seconding. Motion passed.

Guests Wishing to Speak: No guests wishing to speak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board	No report. Beth stated she will be calling an Advisory Board meeting soon.
Annual Meeting	Gala is May 18, 2019 at Mountain View Grand. Stephanie got special room rates at Cabot and Lancaster Motor Inn for the night of the Gala. Committee Reports are need for the Annual Meeting report by April 15.
Assessment Committee	Kim stated SOPs will be the focus.
Club Support	Susan stated she will give Nelly information and work on trying to break the Guinness World Record for antique snowmobiles at Ride-In. She wants to make a how to video with instructions on how to use the portal. She is looking into a big fundraiser.
Grass Drags	Ev reported the committee will be starting to work on the 2019 event shortly Club bonus checks will be sent out within the next two weeks. She reported more than \$8,000 was split between the clubs that worked at the event.
Insurance Committee	No report.
Legislative	Terry reported the Association has been working with the NH Auto Dealers Association on language to draft an amendment to the Registration Bill. Part of that would be a tiered cost increase. Terry stated the bill received a 5-0 vote to move to the Senate floor. He requested Directors give a positive call or thank you to Senators who will be considering or have supported the bill. Terry thanked Beth for her speech at the hearing.
Map & Trails/WMNF	No report.
Membership/PR	No report.
Marketing	Dan stated the Association receives many requests to advertise and for donations. He stated there needs to be discussion and possibly a budget line item for such.

Nominations The slate of officers were announced: Lucy Ford for President, Chris Runnalls for Vice President, Tom Willand for Secretary, and Steve Kiander for Treasurer. The counties due for elections this year are: Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, and Hillsborough.

Registration Program Review Report was given during Legislative Committee report.

Ride-In/Search No report.

Scholarship Russ stated they are scoring the applications and then they will be sent to Dan Gould.

Finance No report. It was stated that we need Committee budgets by April 15.

Coffee Break: 8:27 pm-8:45 pm

Director Reports:

Belknap County: Warren Piquette- No meeting.

Carroll County: Don Foote- Meeting 04/23 to sign GIA. He was voted in as County Director again.

Cheshire County: Kim Bergeron- No meeting.

Coos County: Cheryl Spillane- Met 02/21. Next meeting 03/21.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell-Ev stated she has been holding county rides through multiple club areas with lunch stops, etc. and it has been popular and she is planning more for next year. Next meeting 03/27.

Merrimack County: Dave Murray- Met 03/12. Questions about Trail Patrol Program. Next meeting 04/10.

Rockingham County: Rob Kennedy- Met in February. Next meeting 03/25.

Strafford County: Russ Neal- Met 03/05. Next meeting in April for GIA signing.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum- Next meeting for GIA signing in late April.

OLD BUSINESS: Beth stated Legislative breakfast is April 11 at 8 am.
Don LeClair suit- Dan attended another hearing and it is back in the judge's hands to make ruling in the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Runnalls introduced himself to the Board as candidate for Vice President. This would be his third time on the Board. He previously served as an Assistant Director then Director in the early to mid 90's. He also was Treasurer for 3 years.

ADJOURN:

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum made a motion to adjourn.
Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned
at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie A. Davis
NHSA Administrative Assistant