

**Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors**

**October 16, 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  
Treasurer, Dan Weed

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

Directors Absent/Excused: Nelly Roache, Lisa Charrette, Kim Bergeron.

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. Coos County Director Cheryl Spillane moved to move “Old Business & New Business” to right after “Guests Wishing To Speak” in the agenda. No second and the motion failed. Original motion to approve agenda passes.

Salute to Flag

Introduction of Guests: Captain David Walsh of New Hampshire Fish & Game, Kasey Rouille of Easterseals NH, Jena Hayes of Littleton Off Road Riders, Past President Craig Mayo, Sergeant Jason LaRochelle of Fremont, NH Police Department.

President's Comments: Beth thanked everyone for coming and stated that everyone has been very busy. She applauded and thanked the entire Grass Drags committee. She

stated it will be a busy night ahead. She asked for a moment of silence to remember Davis Bowles and Bob Edwards who had recently passed away. She stated Sno-Traveler is up and running and to send in club news. Trailmasters is coming up. The weather is getting colder and it is time for snow.

- 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                   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 stated that the Trailmasters email had gone out and the information is online as well with signups for the Safety Course. There is a November 8 deadline for signups. Grass Drags went well with the Governor and WMUR coming out. It was nice to have officers and directors helping out at the trailer. Facebook engagement is up 30% and there were 145,000 page views for the Grass Drags page. He stated Brian Labrie of Ride 603 donated \$750 to NHSA. HK sent out an email to their entire email list explaining the new process for joining snowmobile clubs and why it was important to do so before registering.

#### STATE AGENCIES:

- Bureau of Trails:                   Chief Gamache could not attend.
- NH Fish and Game:                 Captain Walsh stated there would be no reciprocity this year and that more would be in his Sno-Traveler article. There is a meeting coming up regarding off trail riding in Coos County with the date to be determined.
- Easters Seals NH:                 Rob Kelly could not attend and Kasey stood in for him. She stated Rob will be at the Sutton Ridge Runners fundraiser. There are respite weekends happening in November and March at camp. She thanked NHSA for purchasing a table at the Easterseals Annual Celebration of Giving.
- Correspondence:                   Beth read a letter from NHTOA requesting a donation. Cheshire County Assistant Director Dean Beaman made a motion to contribute \$300 to the NHTOA Annual Fund. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Motion passed.

Beth read the invite for the NHSA trailer to attend SnoFest (formerly Snodeo). Cheshire County Assistant Director Dean Beaman moved to send the trailer and staff to SnoFest, Sullivan County Director Terry Callum seconded. Motion passed.

Beth read an invitation from EastersealsNH to the Annual Celebration of Giving. Cheshire County Assistant Director Dean Beaman moved to purchase a table for \$1,000 at the Easterseals NH Celebration of Giving. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Guests Wishing to Speak: There were no guests wishing to speak.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board	No meeting. Chairman Craig Mayo stated the the current Advisory Board budget does not support the annual dinner. NHSA Vice President Lucy Ford moved to increase the Advisory Board budget from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Strafford County Director Joe Gorman seconded. Motion passed.
Annual Meeting	No meeting.
Assessment Committee	No report.
Club Support	Susan reported she is working on the committee.
Grass Drags	Ev reported that Grass Drags is over physically. Vendor space sold out and the vendors were happy. There was a bit of rain Sunday night and good club participation. Saturday was crazy with parking issues from mud. About 25% of the fields were unavailable due to mud. They are planning for next year in case of a recurrence. It was the best Friday ever. There were over 45,000 people over the entire weekend. Sergeant LaRoche thanked the Grass Drags committee for how well they do and on working to fix the issues. There is a wrap up meeting November 15. There is a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Allen's in Boscawen.
Insurance Committee	No meeting.
Legislative	Dan said he was deferring to Registration Review.
Map & Trails/WMNF	No meeting.
Membership/PR	Lucy updated on Super Raffle. Sullivan County Director Terry Callum moved to release additional tickets to clubs even without payment for first set of tickets. NHSA Treasurer Dan Weed seconded. Motion passed.
Marketing	No meeting.
Nominations	Need a Dealer Director.
Registration Program Review	Terry deferred to Old Business.
Ride-In/Search	There is a meeting upcoming.
Scholarship	No report.

Finance No meeting. NHSA Treasurer Dan Weed explained the new layout of the Treasurer's Report.

Coffee Break: 7:54-8:12 pm

Director Reports:

Belknap County: Warren Piquette- Discussed Registration Proposal. 5/6 clubs in favor.

Carroll County: Don Foote- Meeting 10/02.

Cheshire County: Dean Beaman- They had a meeting the Thursday before Grass Drags.

Coos County: Cheryl Spillane- Meeting the Monday after Drags. All Clubs in favor of the Registration Proposal.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell-Last meeting was in Landaff. The clubs were not for the Registration Proposal. Next meeting next Wednesday.

Hillsborough County: Scot Heath- Next meeting 10/27. Clubs against the Registration Proposal.

Merrimack County: Maxwell Duncanson- Had a meeting 10/09. 13/16 for the Registration Proposal.

Rockingham County: Rob Kennedy- Meeting three weeks ago. 6/1 against Registration Proposal.

Strafford County: Joe Gorman- Meeting 09/25. All clubs against Registration Proposal.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum- Meeting 10/08.

OLD BUSINESS:

Terry gave his Registration Program Review report and stated everyone got the full Powerpoint at the Presidents Meeting. It was stated that Adam and Karen, our main contacts at Bianco, have left the firm. Terry stated he has heard the feedback on the program and thinks the program works where there is snow and grooming hours are put in. He believes and LSR on the table would be wise. Discussion ensued.

Sullivan County Director Terry Callum made the motion "to allow the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association to begin a legislative process to address our registration program, related fees, and the final structure. The initial estimate for lobbying efforts is \$30,000." Cheshire County Assistant Director Dean Beaman seconded. The vote was as follows: The following counties voted yes: Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Merrimack, Sullivan. The following counties voted no: Grafton,

Hillsborough, Rockingham, Strafford. The motion passed based on these votes.

Grafton County Director Evelyn Ferrell commented that people couldn't hear well during President's Meeting and that another microphone would have been helpful.

NEW BUSINESS:

The issue with Reciprocity Weekend was clarified in that Vermont and Maine made their decision without any input from New Hampshire.

Beth stated that Donald LeClair has filed suit against the Association and confirmed all Directors and Advisory Board members received the emailed copy of the suit. There has already been a meeting with counsel regarding the suit. Everyone is to respond with no comment on the issue and refer questions to Beth and she will forward them to counsel.

The United Snowmobile Alliance's (USA) next organizational meeting is November 8-9 and it has eight or nine states currently involved.

ADJOURN:

Cheshire County Assistant Director Dean Beaman made a motion to adjourn. Rockingham County Director Rob Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie A. Davis  
NHSA Administrative Assistant