

## **Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors**

**December 19, 2019**

**NHSA Office, Tilton, NH**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Lucy Ford

### **Roll Call**

Officers Present:	President, Lucy Ford Vice President, Chris Runnals Treasurer, Steve Kiander Secretary, Tom Willand
Directors Present:	Warren Piquette, Nelly Roache, Don Foote, Kim Bergeron, Evelyn Ferrell, Jayne McCullock, Sue Phillips, Maxwell Duncanson, Dave Murray, Joe Gorman, Russ Neal, Terry Callum.
Directors Absent/Excused:	Past President, Beth Horvath-Palmer, Lisa Charrette, Dean Beaman, Charlie Kurtz, Gail Hanson, Rob Kennedy, Don McMurchy, Mike Joyce.
Office Staff Present:	Executive Director Dan Gould.
Approve Agenda	Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the agenda. Sullivan County Director Terry Callum seconded. Agenda approved.
Salute to Flag	
Introduction of Guests:	Chief Chris Gamache of NH Bureau of Trails, Rob Kelly of Easterseals, Past Presidents Harold Case, Roger Wright, Brian Labrie, Bruce Blye, Robert Larochelle, Alex Kiander.
President's Comments:	Lucy thanked everyone for attending the Christmas party and meeting, reviewed the Trails Workshop in November and ongoing map project
Secretary's Report:	Strafford County Director Joe Gorman made a motion to accept the minutes. NHSA Vice President Chris Runnals seconded the motion. Passed. Assistant Merrimack County Director Dave Murray later motioned to delete a comment under Old Business "there was much

discussion” which came before “Tom Willard’s motioned to kill it.” Sullivan County Director Terry Callum Second. Passed. There were also two friendly amendments later in the meeting to address typos.

Treasurer's Report	Strafford County Director Joe Gorman moved to accept the Treasurer’s report with NHSA Vice President Chris Runnals seconding. Motion passed.
Executive Director's Report	Dan gave a brief report on repairs to the office, the cancelation of the postage machine, and the ongoing map project. He also reported the snowmobile registration figures submitted by Captain Eastman.

#### STATE AGENCIES:

NH Bureau of Trails:	Chief Gamache’s written report was distributed. He reported that the GIA contracts were approved by the Governor’s Council. The state has a new landowner insurance contract with USI, the carrier is still Cincinnati, it goes into effect 1/1/20, landowners will be contacted. Early snow in the south allowed December riding, while the north along the Maine border is just opening to riding. Hillsborough County Director Sue Phillips asked how information regarding GIA contracts are circulated. Chief Gamache stated that they are emailed to the club administrator with the grant paperwork and they should circulate it to clubs.
Easters Seals NH:	Rob Kelly reported on another successful respite weekend at camp. He also reviewed a positive meeting between the NHSA officers and the new Easterseals CEO Maureen Beauregard, noting that she was impressed by the long relationship and wants to visit the camp in the summer.
Guests Wishing to Speak:	Robert Larochelle introduced himself, stating that he was interested in the business director position on the board. He spoke of his involvement with snowmobiling over the years, stating that he would now like to “give back” to the sport.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advisory Board	Roger Wright is planning a January meeting.
Annual Meeting	No meeting. Awards are online.
Assessment Committee	No report

Club Support	No report
Exploring Off Trail Riding	Roger Wright reported the committee met December 10, discussed data, demographics, sled categories and sales. They hope to network with the United Snowmobile Alliance on the issue. The next meeting is planned for January 15.
Finance	The payout to clubs volunteering at the grass drags was \$63,797. There will be a summary of the audit at the January meeting, along with an overview of the investment account.
Grass Drags	No report
Insurance Committee	Russ Neal reported on a question about coverage of non-members participating in trail work. After much discussion they request that Allied send a representative to the January board meeting for clarification.
Legislative	Terry Callum reported that he and Ev Ferrell attended a brief legislative hearing in Concord to clarify legislative intent in SB187 language regarding the antique snowmobile registrations. It should be voted on by legislators January 8, before Fish and Game Rules hearings.
Marketing	No meeting.
Membership/PR	Chris Runnals reported he had spoken to Joe at the Trailer Outlet about the layout for the new NHSA trailer and waiting for a response. The membership reports is included in the board packet. He reminded everyone to return super raffle tickets to the NHSA office by January. He is working on Dave Murray's proposal for a sweepstakes, Dan Gould is gathering information for the committee to review. Murray requested that Dean Beaman sit on the committee. Runnals agreed.
Nominations	Joe Gorman reported that response to the story in the Sno-Traveller was positive. Brian Labrie is interested in the Hillsborough assistant director position, Robert Larochelle in the business director post. The deadline for nominations to office is February 18.
Ride-In/Search	Nelly Roache reported that the committee met last week and everything is coming along. The Town and Country is completely booked. There will be a fundraiser at Highland Mountain Bike Park on January 18 for camp, the event is in memory of Kevin Yelle.
Scholarship	No meeting.
Coffee Break:	
Trails	Terry Callum and Dan Gould gave an early presentation of the new online digital trails map and the phone app, outlining the functionality from the user side and the administrative panel.
Director Reports:	Belknap County: Warren Piquette- no meeting. Carroll County: Don Foote - no meeting.

Cheshire County: Kim Bergeron reported that Dean Beaman will be the new BOT county advisor for Cheshire.

Grafton County: Ev Ferrell reported that insurance and maps were topics at the last county meeting, with approximately half the clubs attending.

Hillsborough County: Susan Phillips reported the last meeting 11/25 was not well attended, nothing major to report.

Merrimack County: Maxwell Duncanson read a written statement from the county regarding their frustration with the NHSA board and officer's response to Dave Murray's raffle proposal. Dave Murray stated that the proposal should no longer be named "The Dave Murray program, instead it is the Merrimack County program" Lucy Ford stated that she was confused by their frustration, as a committee was formed, and this idea was heard by the board three times but not supported twice, and was now being given a third consideration.

Strafford County: - no report.

Sullivan County: Terry Callum spoke about the success of the county landowner appreciation program where handmade gift baskets are distributed to landowners. They deliver the baskets to approximately 10-15 landowners per year, covering all the landowners in a three-year period.

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lucy Ford swore in Brian Labrie as the new Hillsborough Assistant County Director.

ADJOURN: Sullivan County Director Terry Callum made a motion to adjourn. NHSA Vice President Chris Runnals seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Gould  
NHSA Executive Director