

Minutes of the NHTSA Board of Directors
October 19, 2021
NHTSA Office and Virtual

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm by President Chris Runnals

Roll Call

Officers:	President	Chris Runnals
	Vice President	Tom Willand
	Treasurer	Steve Kiander
	Secretary	Lisa Charrette - Absent
	Past President	Lucy Ford

Directors:	Belknap Director	Nelly Roache
	Assistant	Melissa Binette
	Carroll Director	Tom Taylor
	Assistant	Sean Pinard
	Cheshire Director	Kim Bergeron - Absent
	Assistant	Dan Shelley
	Coos Director	Charlie Kurtz
	Assistant	Gail Hanson
	Grafton Director	Evelyn Ferrell
	Assistant	Jayne McCulloch
	Hillsboro Director	Susan Phillips
	Assistant	Brian LaBrie
	Merrimack Director	Bruce Blye
	Assistant	Scott Palmer
	Rockingham Director	Mark Pepper
	Assistant	Gary Scott
	Strafford Director	Russ Neal
	Assistant	Nick Bickford
	Sullivan Director	Terry Callum
	Assistant	Vacant
	Business Director	Vacant

Office Staff:	Executive Director	Dan Gould
	Administrative Assistant	Janis Riley

Salute to the Flag

Approval of Agenda: Motion by L. Ford to approve the agenda. T. Callum second. Motion carries.

Guests: Advisory Board Chair - Roger Wright, Camp Director - Chris Ellis
Fish & Game - Captain Michael Eastman, Sullivan County - Ian Gates

President's Comments: Mark Pepper sworn in as Rockingham Director, Gary Scott sworn in as Assistant.
Roger Wright and Ev Ferrell, outstanding work on the 2021 NH Grass Drags.
C. Runnals opened discussion regarding hybrid meeting protocols.

Secretary's Report: Motion by L. Ford to approve the secretary's report as printed. B. Blye second. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by L. Ford to approve the treasurer's report as printed. S. Phillips second. Motion carries.

Executive Director's Report: D. Gould explained that raffle ticket distribution was late due to delays in identifying prizes (supply chain issues). Tickets were being shipped to clubs now. Office prepping for Trails Workshop.

State Agencies' Report: Fish & Game Captain Eastman gave an update on the safety course legislation and online registration legislation filed by Representative Tim Egan. Also investigating if registrations could be sold at the Hooksett rest area again.

Easterseals Report: Camp Director Chris Ellis is visiting clubs, attending fundraisers, and preparing for camp to open in 2022. He reiterated that the funds collected by NHSA clubs are frozen until the kids get back to camp. Chris described new camp programs including two new "staff members", a pair of bunnies.

Committee Reports:
Advisory Board: R. Wright - No meeting, no report. Next meeting October 27 at 6 pm.

Annual Meeting: L. Charrette - Not in attendance. C. Runnals – Lisa is working on a location.

Assessment: K. Bergeron - Not in attendance.

Club Support: S. Phillips - No meeting. Working on duties of officers, schedule, calendar, and insurance.

Exploring Off Trail Riding: R. Wright - No meeting, no report. Next meeting October 20 at 7 pm.

Grass Drags: E. Ferrell thanked everyone. Noted that attendance of 46,500 just shy of all-time record, although Friday did set a new record. Had Canadian border been open they may have broken the overall record. The event was short-staffed, needed 50-60 more volunteers. R. Wright commented: On behalf of the chairs, he thanked all the volunteers from the bottom of their hearts.

Finance: S. Kiander - No meeting. Financial review is underway and awaiting final reports.

Insurance: R. Neal - No meeting, no report.

Legislative: B. Labrie - Meeting October 26 with Fish & Game to discuss online registration.

Marketing: D. Gould - No meeting, no report.

Membership/PR: T. Willand reported on Super Raffle and event trailer updates.
R. Wright - Portal overall is good. Repeat emails issue is being reviewed.

Nominations: K. Bergeron - Not in attendance.

Ride-In: N. Roache - Meeting next week to finalize.
L. Ford - Met with town of Gorham, which included BOT and local club. Checking on the number of rooms available at the Town & Country.
L. Charrette – Not in attendance.

Scholarship: R. Neal - No meeting, no report.

Trails: T. Callum outlined ongoing map edits and touched on trail damage in southwest region due to summer storms. Several directors noted they were disappointed that no one from the BOT was at the meeting.

Break

Director Reports

Belknap – No report.

Carroll – No report.

Cheshire – No report.

Coos – No report.

Grafton – No hybrid.

Hillsborough – First meeting, all clubs but one. One issue with a trail, B. Labrie working on it.

Merrimack – First meeting on October 6, half the clubs. Re-routes.

Rockingham – Elected Gary Scott as Assistant Director.

Strafford – No report.

Sullivan – No report.

Old Business: Rules of Business proposal by Advisory Board, as previously introduced:

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Modify a. All members of the NHSA Advisory Board shall be given a standing invitation (add “access”) to any NHSA events.

Modify b to read. “Any correspondence provided to the board shall also be provided to the Advisory Board”

Add c. “All standing members of the Advisory Board shall be entitled to attend Executive Sessions.”

d. (from previous b)- The Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest policy, and Confidentiality clause of the NHSA will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. Said documents shall be acknowledged by signature by each Director on an annual basis.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Modify a. The NHSA shall provide an annual agreement to member clubs (add “in good standing”).

7. DUES

Add “a” in front of - Annual club membership dues shall be \$30.00 if club registration forms are not received at the NHSA office by June 15 for the upcoming year.” In addition, member clubs shall be assessed \$10 per club membership transaction.

Add “b County Organization or Association dues shall be \$30 annually.”

L. Ford motioned to accept changes as presented. T. Callum seconded. Motion carries.

C. Runnals – Adopted new Rules of Business, 8:32 pm.

New Business: Discussion about board meetings in relation to hybrid meetings. B. Blye motioned for 2021-2022 (one-year trial), four mandatory in-person meetings per calendar year: June, September, December and March. E. Ferrell seconds. Discussion. T. Callum calls the question. Motion carries.

Christmas Party, Tuesday meeting December 21.

Further discussion regarding proposed safety legislation.

Adjourn: Motion by T. Callum to adjourn at 9:08 pm. N. Roache second. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Gould, Executive Director