

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors
September 19, 2023
Foster's Hall at Common Man Inn – Plymouth, NH

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm by President T. Willand.

Roll Call

Officers:

President	Tom Willand
Vice President	Brian Labrie
Treasurer	Nigel Croxon
Secretary	Jayne McCulloch
Past President	Chris Runnals

Directors:

Belknap Director	Nelly Roache	Absent
Assistant	Melissa Binette	
Carroll Director	Tom Taylor	
Assistant	Sean Pinard	
Cheshire Director	Jeremy Evans	
Assistant	Dan Shelley	
Coos Director	Charlie Kurtz	
Assistant	Gail Hanson	
Grafton Director	Evelyn Ferrell	
Assistant	Deb Davis	
Hillsborough Director	Susan Phillips	
Assistant	Marc Phillips	
Merrimack Director	Bruce Blye	Absent
Assistant	Scott Palmer	
Rockingham Director	Mark Pepper	
Assistant	Gary Scott	
Strafford Director	Russ Neal	
Assistant	Nick Bickford	
Sullivan Director	Terry Callum	Absent
Assistant	Vacant	
Business Director	Kim Bergeron	Absent

Office Staff Present:

Executive Director	Dan Gould
Administrative Assistant	Trudy Rahn

Salute to the Flag

Agenda:

R. Neal motioned to approve the agenda as printed, C. Runnals seconded.
Motion carries.

Introduction of Guests: Craig Rennie – Chief, Bureau of Trails
Alex Rudko – Deputy Chief, Bureau of Trails
Marie Hixson – Fish & Game

President Comments: T. Willand – Tom welcomed all the guests and discussed the shortened agenda. Encouraged attendees to feel free to ask questions. We have people in the room to answer all questions.

Secretary’s Report: Motion by C. Runnals to approve the Secretary’s Report as written, seconded by R. Neal. Motion carries.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by C. Runnals to approve the Treasurer’s Report as printed, seconded by T. Taylor. Motion carries.

Executive Director’s Report D. Gould – Dan thanked everyone for coming. And thanked Trudy for organizing the meeting. He thanked the Common Man for having us. The office has been getting busy since Labor Day. Grass Drags and Super Raffle have been in full motion. Sno-Traveler should be in our mailboxes this week.

Guests: Fish & Game – Marie Hixson – Marie read a note from Captain Eastman. He said “Hello” to everyone and apologized for not being here. They have increased by four officers. She discussed that online registration will be a reality in the future.

Bureau of Trails – Chief Craig Rennie - a handout provided. Reviewed the snowmobile registration increase as well as 15% increase in reimbursements. Discussion/question on landowner lists. Clubs can use their own lists as long as list has all the required information. The Trails Workshop will be November 4. Alexis will be out of the office from 10/9/23 till 10/22/23. Deadline for summer grants is 12/31. Alexis discussed federal change on RTP process.

Club Presidents Forum: A question was asked about an update on corridor 13 in Wilton. Chief Craig Rennie discussed his request to update the contract in 2024 when the contract comes due again.

D. Gould held a question-and-answer session about the new membership portal. He spoke about upcoming tweaks, feedback, and promised a follow-up email to club officers based on discussion.

Break: 8:15 pm – 8:30 pm

Committee Reports:

- Trails: T. Callum – The trails committee has been working on a number of items. Nick Bickford is now co-chair. Nigel Croxon will be the map lead on the committee. The trail sign proof of concept is coming along, and two clubs will have the new intersection signage. It's proof of concept - and - might require further tweaks to make it viable for much of the state. Look for results on Baker River and Umbagog systems this winter. NHSA Vice President, Brian Labrie, has been the lead on this. We are doing what we can to share the load and enhance the work of the committee. The trails workshops will be fast approaching in November. Stay tuned. Discussion – online map is available now.
- Grass Drags: E. Ferrell – Moving along. A lot of new challenges this year. The farm is very wet. Please come down and help if possible. They will really need people after the event as well as during the event. We have about 100 people signed up for the event. Could use at least 30 more volunteers. Vendors spaces are sold out already. Discussion on the town requiring permits for the tents (any tent over 400 sq ft) needs to be inspected. Ev is working with the tent company to meet the requirements.
- Super Raffle: M. Phillips – Reviewed all the prizes that are available this year. Tickets are being printed and should be available in a couple of weeks. Clubs will get paperwork in a week or two. Mark thanked all the sponsors who have provided items.
- Annual Meeting: J. McCulloch – Meeting will be held May 19, 2024 at Mill Falls at the Lake, Meridith, NH. It will be a breakfast meeting. There is a block of rooms being held until 30 days prior to the event for anyone that wants to stay and make a weekend out of it. There will be more details available as we get closer to the event.
- Just a reminder for clubs to keep track during the year of what their members are doing and put in award nominations for their accomplishments. Nomination forms are easily available online on the NHSA website, under the Clubs tab, and then Annual Awards.
- Ride-In: L. Ford – Ride in will be held at Town & Country (T&C) on February 2 – 4th. Lucy listed all the committee members. This year's theme is Super Hero's. There will be a Costume Parade within T&C, and contest for the best decorated room doors. Activities will be at the T&C on Saturday. County baskets can be any theme. Please consider splitting your county baskets if they are large. Baskets can be dropped off early at the NHSA Office. 50/50 Raffle drawing was won by Gary Fowler for a total of \$112.00. T&C has four rooms left. Scrub Oaks has a couple of rooms available if anyone needs them.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None

Adjourn: Motion made by S. Palmer to adjourn at 8:44pm. Seconded by C. Runnals. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne McCulloch, Secretary