

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors
March 19, 2024
NHSA Office, Tilton

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

Roll Call

Officers:	President	Tom Willand	
	Vice President	Brian Labrie	
	Treasurer	Nigel Croxon	
	Secretary	Jayne McCulloch	
	Past President	Chris Runnals	Absent
Directors:	Belknap Director	Nelly Roache	
	Assistant	Melissa Binette	Absent
	Carroll Director	Tom Taylor	
	Assistant	Sean Pinard	
	Cheshire Director	Jeremy Evans	
	Assistant	Dan Shelley	Absent
	Coos Director	Charlie Kurtz	
	Assistant	Gail Hanson	
	Grafton Director	Evelyn Ferrell	
	Assistant	Deb Davis	
	Hillsborough Director	Susan Phillips	Absent
	Assistant	Marc Phillips	
	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	Aaron Gomo	
	Business Director	Kim Bergeron	Absent
Office Staff Present:	Executive Director	Dan Gould	
	Administrative Assistant	Trudy Rahn	Absent

Salute to the Flag

Agenda: E. Ferrell motioned to approve the agenda as printed, T. Callum seconded.
Motion carries.

Introduction of Guests: Russ Davis – Past President, Advisory Board Chair
Roger Wright – Past President, Grass Drags Co-Chair
Alexis Rudko – Deputy Chief, Bureau of Trails
Captain Michael Eastman – Fish & Game
Keith Nyhan – State of NH, Insurance Department
James Fox – State of NH, Insurance Department
A.J. Kierstead – State of NH, Insurance Department
Paul Lombardi – Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club

President Comments: T. Willand – Thank Craig and Alexis (BOT) for setting up Councilor Ride and Groomer Rodeo. It was well attended. Thanked Bruce and Scott for providing dinner. Tom swore in Aaron Gomo as Assistant for Sullivan County.

Secretary Report: Motion by T. Callum to approve the Secretary’s Report as written, seconded by J. Evans. Motion carries.

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

Executive Director’s Report: D. Gould – Dan will hold off on report for time purposes.

Bureau of Trails: Alexis Rudko – Pilot groomer loan program was successful. Twenty-one clubs applied for 8 machines. Details will be posted on the BOT website. The GIA Coordinator position has been filled. She is currently working on equipment VIN numbers and making sure they match the information provided by Allied. Alexis reviewed the GIA workshop presentation. PDF of GIA workshop is up on website and available for printing. Workshops will be posted on the website. Recommended for all TAs to attend workshops. RTP workshop dates will be posted soon. GIA workshops are optional, RTP workshops are mandatory.

Fish & Game: Capt. Eastman - Accident report will be in next month’s report. Total of 30,776 sleds registered to date, 6,484 decrease from same time last year. B. Blye asked for clarification on special plates on OHRV’s.

State of NH Insurance: Gave us an overview of Insurance Department. They regulate the insurance companies we purchase insurance from. Free service, state agency, making sure consumers are treated fairly. Consumer advocate. Call them if we have a problem.

Break 8:15pm – 8:30pm

Committee Reports:

- Ride-In: T. Taylor – No Report
- Advisory Board: R. Davis – Advisory Board met and talked about the rules of business for past presidents. He will present it at the next meeting.
- Annual Meeting: J. McCulloch – Meeting will be May 19, 2024, reservations can be made online. Annual Award nominations are due by April 1st. Delegate reports are going out to all the clubs. There will be a vote this year so delegates will be important.
- Assessment: B. Labrie – Exec Director job description has been completed. Job will be posted in spring of 2025. If anyone in the room is interested in the position, please reach out to Brian.
- Club Support/
Super Raffle: S. Phillips/M. Phillips – No report. B. Blye discussed Wild New Hampshire Day – April 20th, Bruce will have people to help. He will be looking for donations for a snowmobile to show at different events.
- Confidentiality
Policy: K. Bergeron – Absent
- Finance: N. Croxon - Setting up a committee meeting.
- Grass Drags: E. Ferrell – Had the first meeting last week. Off and running with planning for 2024 Grass Drags.
- Insurance: R. Neal – No Report
- Legislative: T. Callum – Legislation update handed out to Board. Includes updates on HB 1494, SB 601, SB 426, HB 1464, HB 1527 and SB 504.
- Marketing: D. Gould – Transition to SledNH.com is underway. Emails have been set up. Working on additional transitions.
- Membership/PR: B. Labrie – Brian discussed having to respond to a rumor on social media.
- Nominations: K. Bergeron – No Report
- Scholarship: R. Neal – In process of scoring the applications. Should be done by this weekend. Discussed the Ray Burton Award being due on 4/1.

Trails: T. Callum – Held a meeting, three major topics. Maps partnerships, signing project and trails workshop in the future. Sign project was successful, received positive feedback. Have received \$5,000 from TC energy for next year's projects. 2024 workshop is under contract. Next meeting will be held on April 17th, 6:30pm, at Mascoma HS, please RSVP.

Director Reports:

Belknap: N. Roach – No Meeting

Carroll: T. Taylor – No Report

Cheshire: J. Evans – No Report

Coos: C. Kurtz – No Report

Grafton: E. Ferrell – Last meeting was held in Cannon. Not a whole lot to go over. Spent time squashing rumors. Discussion on impacts of negative postings on social media.

Hillsborough: M. Phillips – Meeting three weeks ago. Hosted by Lyndeborough. Brainstormed how to fundraise during the summer.

Merrimack: B. Blye – Meeting last week. Pretty good attendance. Voted on Director and Assistant Director. Bruce and Scott were voted in for the next year.

Rockingham: M. Pepper – Meeting three weeks ago, meeting next week. Nominations will be next week.

Strafford: R. Neal – No Meeting

Sullivan: T. Callum – Discussion on past brainstorming session and impacts of posts on social media.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Motion by R. Neal to go into Executive Session. Seconded by N. Croxon. Entered Executive Session at 9:05pm.

Motion to Exit Executive Session by T. Callum. Seconded by B. Blye. Exited Executive Session at 9:44pm.

New Business: None

Adjourn:

Motion made by T. Callum to adjourn at 9:55pm. Seconded by R. Neal. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne McCulloch, Secretary