

Minutes of the NHSA Board of Directors  
April 16, 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	
Directors:	Belknap Director	Nelly Roache	
	Assistant	Melissa Binette	
	Carroll Director	Tom Taylor	
	Assistant	Sean Pinard	Absent
	Cheshire Director	Jeremy Evans	
	Assistant	Dan Shelley	
	Coos Director	Charlie Kurtz	
	Assistant	Gail Hanson	Absent
	Grafton Director	Evelyn Ferrell	
	Assistant	Deb Davis	
	Hillsborough Director	Susan Phillips	
	Assistant	Marc Phillips	
	Merrimack Director	Bruce Blye	Absent
	Assistant	Scott Palmer	Absent
	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	
Office Staff Present:	Executive Director	Dan Gould	
	Administrative Assistant	Trudy Rahn	Absent

Salute to the Flag

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

- Introduction of Guests: Russ Davis – Past President, Advisory Board Chair  
Chief Craig Rennie – Bureau of Trails  
Chris Ellis – Easterseals  
Amber Oakes – Ride-In Chair  
Lisa Pendergast - NHSA Bookkeeper
- President Comments: T. Willand – Discussed that we will do the Fib McBurnie Award nominations during the break. Tom stated that he only has a couple meetings left as President, he thanked everyone for the difficult decisions that have been made. He is very impressed and glad to be part of this team.
- Secretary Report: Motion by C. Runnals to approve the Secretary’s Report as written, seconded by J. Evans. Motion carries.
- Treasurer Report: Motion by C. Runnals to approve the Treasurer’s Report as printed, seconded by J. Evans. Discussion – S. Phillips asked a question regarding the negative number in the income. She asked that we have more details on the treasurer’s report. N. Croxon explained that March income is negative due to club payments in March for memberships that were received in February. Lisa Pendergast answered additional questions as asked. Sue suggested more granular reports. Motion carries.
- Executive Director’s Report: D. Gould – Annual Meeting book has been sent to the printer. Remind everyone that they need to sign up for breakfast by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Super Raffle thank you notes have been sent out. Dan and Tom met with Councilor Kenney regarding safety and accidents. Leaning toward working with rental agencies for improvements. Sled NH transition. Emails for officers have been completed. Discussion on Directors emails that are available on the website. Dan handed out flyer about registration totals in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont for comparisons.
- Bureau of Trails: Chief Craig Rennie – Discussion on accidents, met with F&G and Councilor Kenney. There were four fatal accidents, three were rentals. Chief presented RTP and GIA updates. Corridor 13, lease is coming up, BOT and NHSA are working to stop the lease which would not allow snowmobiles. The issue seems to be with the insurance company. K. Bergeron offered to help if needed. The issue seems to be with an insurance company who does not want snowmobilers on the property. Discussion on GIA and storm damage applications.
- Easterseals: Chris Ellis – Chris stated that camp is ahead of schedule. He presented two flyers, one for clean-up day and one for Open House. He really needs the help with clean up this year, will have a BBQ. Open House is open to everyone. Camp families will be there, can meet the kids that are benefiting from our

scholarships. He requested that we give out the flyers and share them on Facebook.

- Lisa Pendergast:  
NHSA Bookkeeper
- Lisa started at NHSA in 2018. She has 20 years' experience in bookkeeping. She has worked with previous treasurers to create better reporting. She is usually in the office on Monday's. Feel free to reach out if we have any additional questions.
- Break 7:56pm – 8:10pm
- McFib Award nominations completed and turned in.
- Committee Reports:
- Ride-In: A. Oaks – Just held a wrap-up meeting. We did well this past year, we had a profit of \$2,405.53, so we have a starting budget. She is forming the committee and looking for volunteers to help with this year's Ride-In. The Ride-in has been scheduled for January 31, 2025 – February 2, 2025.
- Advisory Board: R. Davis – Russ handed out a proposed addition to the Rules of Business regarding Lifetime Membership. Russ asked that these changes be made to the Rules of Business. C. Runnels made a motion that we update the Rules of Business with the proposed changes. Seconded by E. Ferrell. T. Callum motioned that we table the motion for 45 days and make required notifications. C. Runnels seconded. Motion carries.
- Annual Meeting: J. McCulloch – Meeting will be May 19, 2024. Annual Award nominations have been completed and winners have been chosen. All county delegates have signed up, due date was 4/15. Still time to register for breakfast, must be signed up by May 5th. Discussion regarding clubs missing the deadline for signing up delegates. Rules of Business state delegates must sign up by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Assessment: B. Labrie – No Meeting
- Club Support/  
Super Raffle: S. Phillips/M. Phillips – No Meeting. Wild New Hampshire Day – Deb Davis will be representing NHSA. Deb has everything she needs. Nigel asked if Susan had an agenda for club support. The reply was that there is no specific agenda. Tom discussed support for the Southern Clubs.
- Confidentiality  
Policy: K. Bergeron – Will review in June prior to transition of officers.

Finance: N. Croxon – Will be updating the finance report to categorize the income (4000). Discussed the finance committee and their review of the budget. Susan's request will start in the new financial year.

Grass Drags: E. Ferrell – had first committee meeting last month. Working on finalizing the budget. Volunteer work forms are up on-line. Need to stress with clubs that we need volunteers, and they need to fill in forms. Looking to gain some more sponsorships. Next meeting is Thursday (4/25) in Tilton. Kim asked about parking and bussing options.

Insurance: R. Neal – No meeting

Legislative: T. Callum – Pass, in interest of time.

Marketing: D. Gould – Covered in Directors report.

Membership/PR: B. Labrie – No Meeting

Nominations: K. Bergeron – Full slate of officers. Kim will reach out to counties regarding their elections.

Scholarship: R. Neal – Needs additional people to review the scholarship applications.

Trails: T. Callum – Attended the statewide trails advisory committee. Gave a report on the pilot sign project. Has received positive feedback on signs. Getting ready to shut the map ap down. Trails Committee meeting, April 17th at Mascoma High School.

#### Director Reports:

Belknap: N. Roach – Meeting held April 15th.

Carroll: T. Taylor – Meeting next Wednesday (4/24)

Cheshire: J. Evans – Final meeting of season on April 30th. Elections and GIA.

Coos: C. Kurtz – Meeting April 30th for GIA.

Grafton: E. Ferrell – Grant meeting, next Tuesday (4/23). County meeting Wednesday (4/24).

Hillsborough: M. Phillips – County meeting next Monday (4/22), last meeting for season. GIA signing Monday.

Merrimack: B. Blye – Absent

Rockingham: M. Pepper – Final meeting this coming Monday (4/22).

Strafford: R. Neal – Meeting next Thursday (4/24), elections. GIA review if ready

Sullivan: T. Callum – Next meeting April 29th. Charlestown club is hosting. Election of Director and Assistant. GIA Signing. VP Candidates and NHSA Officers will be attending.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Review of Brainstorming results and path forward. Nigel discussed appropriating funds for legislation. This could be an appropriation that is decided on at a future date.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Motion made by S. Phillips to adjourn at 9:14pm. Seconded by C. Runnals. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jayne McCulloch, Secretary