

NHVOA Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 5, 2000
Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant

Members Present:

Fran Addorisio, Pierre Belanger, Sue Campbell, Roger Dontonville, Terry Dostie, Dana Draper, Mike Dubisz, Richard Dumais, Bruce Einsidler-Moore, Larry Flint, John Fulton, James George, Phil Germino, Mike Hamilton, Kurt Hastings, Paul Huard, Fred Jasinski, Howard Kelleher, Charles Kenney, Rick Latham, Roger LeHoullier, Gerald LeSage, Billy Makarawicz, Chet Martel, Donna Martineau, Paul Maskwa, Matthew Matsis, Jerome McDougale, Cindy McNally, Tom Monson, Bill Nunnally, Lloyd Sheehan, Bill Tirone, Ray Valliere, George West, Chuck Wiggin and Brad Wolff

Members Absent:

Greg Andruskevich, Jim Babcock, Barry Bolduc, Dana Bourassa, Steve Burrows, Brian Davidson, Larry Francoeur, Bob Hodsdon, David Huebner, Marcia Keane, Janet Lovering, Audrey Marquis, David Miller, Phil Mollica, Walt Pryor, Robert Schmidt, Steve Schulten and Robert Thatcher.

Meeting Convened: 7:15 p.m., with a short break during dinner.

Approval of 1999 Business Meeting Minutes:

Ray Valliere moved, Matthew Matsis seconded approving the Business Minutes from the 1999 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Martineau

Balance brought forward: \$1,650.45

Expenditures: \$2,417.94 (Annual Meeting \$360, NHIAA Dues \$165, Rule/Case Books and tests \$699.55, Mailings \$69.41, Jackets \$224.55, Jackets Logo \$32.96, Worldpath for Web Site \$324.50, Registration fee for domain name \$70, Apprentice Fees \$51.10, Officials Rating Fee \$200, Arbiter Software \$123.25, NHVCA \$25, Food for Meetings \$72.62)

Income: \$3,125.51 (Membership \$3,049.00, Interest, Patches \$76.51)

Balance as of November 5, 2000: \$3,125.51

Fred Jasinski moved, Bill Tirone seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Apprentice Chairman's Report: Rick Forge

There was one returning official this year: Roger LeHoullier.

There were four apprentices in the program this fall. We will be instituting a winter apprentice program using JO Tournaments for experience. The association now has approximately 60 members up from 42, three years ago.

Matthew Matsis moved, Paul Maskwa seconded a motion to approve the Apprentice Chairman's Report. Motion passed.

Supervisor of Officials Report: Bill Tirone

Congratulations on a great year. Tournament officials did a great job on some tough games. Fluky situations, along with schools not able to get busses to drive them to matches on time, led to many late starts this season with officials waiting up to 1-2 hours before a match started. We will be working with the Volleyball Committee to develop policies and procedures to address this problem. There were also some problems with schools not paying officials. Anyone who has not been paid by a school should notify Bill Tirone immediately. This issue was also reported to the Volleyball Committee. Jim DesMarais will be sending letter to Athletic Directors about these issues.

The Policies and Procedures Handbook notes that body markings are illegal. The manual will be changed to exclude permanent tattoos. The Volleyball Committee will be sending surveys to schools concerning line judges. If the survey yields positive results, we will be using JV Players next year as line judges.

The change in Volleyball Tournament dates at Plymouth State College were due to a conflict with PSC's Volleyball team playing a tournament game on one of the nights originally scheduled by the NHIAA.

In scrimmages all rules apply, jewelry, body markings, etc. You should inform coaches of this at the start of any scrimmage. There was one suspended game this year because of a wet floor. Game was replayed from the beginning, a decision that went through the Volleyball Committee.

Peer Evaluations must be sent to Bill Tirone by December 1.

Jerry McDougale felt tournament officials should get a copy of the policies and procedures manual so they are informed of those procedures for the tournament.

Dana Draper expressed his concern that JV Players should be trained during the off season at JO Tournaments to be prepared for calling lines next season.

Bill Nunnally moved, George West seconded a motion to accept the Supervisor of Officials Report.

Liaison's Report: Mike Hamilton

The Sports Officiating Committee has determined they would prefer working directly with each Supervisor of Officials and have done away with the Liaison Position. Consequently, there is no report.

Assignor's Report: Dick Dumais

See attached report.

Matthew Matsis moved, Chet Martel seconded, a motion to accept the Assignor's Report. Motion passed.

New Business

Membership to NFOA: John Fulton

The increase in game fees next year means dues have gone up as well, \$40 to \$49. Last year Jim DesMarais was promoting that each officials' association have 100% membership in NFOA. The Executive Committee would like to use the increase in dues towards NFOA Membership for all officials in the organization. This would also provide additional coverage for the organization in case of law suits to the organization.

After lengthy discussion *Bill Nunnally moved, Phil Germino seconded* to have the Association pay for NFOA Dues Motion passed with one nay vote.

By-Laws/Constitution Amendment Proposals: Chet Martel

Rules Interpretations

Chet Martel moved, Bill Nunnally seconded:

Article 1 Section 2a, states that the meetings will be held the first and third Sunday in August. The NHVOA Constitution Article VIII Section 2 states: That the second meeting will be held at a date and time to be determined by the NHVOA Rules Interpreter but no later than the third Sunday in August (amended 10/95).

Chet proposed that Article 1 Section 2a, of the NHVOA bylaws be amended to contain the same wording as Article VIII Section 2 of the NHVOA Constitution.

Bill Tirone spoke against the change so that all members know that Rules Interpretation meetings are always held on the first and third Sundays of August.

Bill Nunnally spoke for the change so there would be some flexibility for conducting the second Rules Interpretation meeting.

Roger Lehoullier wanted to have the group look at the entire constitution then suggest changes.

Chet wants them to be same and feels should make the change immediately.

The motion to amend the constitution failed by a 10-26 vote.

Officials Uniform

Chet Martel moved, Howard Kelleher seconded a motion to

Add Article IX: Uniforms - to the NHVOA by-laws.

1. The official uniform of the NHVOA shall consist of:
 - A. Black and white stripe shirt with byron collar
 1. The NHVOA patch will be sewn onto the left sleeve approximately two inches down from the top stitch.
 - B. Black pants with black belt (when required).
 - C. Black shoes and socks.
 - D. Black whistle and black lanyard.
2. Black warm up jacket with NHVOA logo is optional, if worn. it will be worn by all officials.

This motion was unanimously defeated.

Motion

Bill Nunnally moved, Chet Martel seconded a motion form a committee to examine and reevaluate the constitution to propose amendments as necessary.
Motion passed 17-2 with 16 abstentions.

Motion

Roger LeHoullier moved, Bill Nunnally seconded, a motion to send \$50 to Friends of New Hampshire Volleyball. Rick Forge told the association that the Executive Committee reviewed this request and worried that giving money to this organization might mean having to give it to other similar organizations. Motion defeated 8-26.

Bill Nunnally suggested that a letter to the NHIAA that required coaches going was positive and that practice should continue. Bill congratulated Fran Addorisio, who conducted the coaches' clinics, for a job well done.

Roger LeHoullier suggested to the board that they provide officials to do lines at UNH Volleyball matches. John Fulton expressed a concern about doing this since our organization's primary purpose was to provide officials to our member schools.

Dana Draper suggested that PA announcer states the call over the PA. Bill Tirone suggested signals being placed in the program

Motion

Bill Makarawicz moved, Chet Martel seconded a motion to donate \$50 for an ad in a basketball program. Motion failed 13-16, with 6 abstentions.

Fran Addorisio announced that next year's Interpretation Meetings would be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of August.

Elections--President

The Executive Board nominated Mike Hamilton for President. No other nominations were made from the floor. Mike Hamilton was unanimously voted for president.

Bill Nunnally moved, Mike Hamilton seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed at 8:55 p.m.