

NHVOA 2005 Business Meeting
Puritan Back Room Restaurant, Manchester, NH
Sunday, November 13, 2005
Meeting Minutes

Present: Fran Addorisio, Jim Babcock, Barry Bolduc, Dana Bourassa, Steve Burrows, Jon Caley, Meri Clemons, Brian Davidson, Terry Dostie, Dana Draper, Mike Dubisz, Dick Dumais, Larry Flint, Rick Forge, Dick Fortier, Larry Francoeur, John Fulton, Mike Hamilton, Bob Hodsdon, Dan Huppe, Melanie Huppe, Jeff Katz, Marcia Keene, Rick Latham, Roger LeHoullier, Janet Lovering, Bill Makarawicz, John Martin, Paul Maskwa, Matthew Matsis, Jerry McDougle, Tom Monson, Bill Nunnally, Donna Plumb, Walter Pryor, Bob Ruopp, Steve Schulten, Pahl Sharrow, Bill Tirone, Dennis VanEnron, George West, and Chuck Wiggin.

Not Present: Mike Andriski, Pierre Belanger, Harry Blood, Roger Dontonville, Tom Ebol, James George, Paul Huard, Fred Jasinski, Chuck Kenney, Gerald LeSage, Chet Martel, Donna Martineau, Rob Messier, Dave Miller, Phil Mollica, and Brad Wolf

Meeting Convened: The meeting convened at 7:38 p.m. following a buffet style dinner.

Approval of 2004 Business Meeting Minutes

Matthew Matsis moved, Bill Nunnally seconded a motion to approve the 2004 Business Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Donna Martineau was unable to make the meeting. The current financial status of the organization will be mailed with the minutes.

Apprentice Chair Report—Jerry McDougle

Jerry reported that 13 people applied to become an apprentice. Of those that applied, ten passed the written exam and four took the floor test. Apprentices who passed both written and floor tests will be contacted shortly. Jerry plans to do a volleyball clinic in March using JO Volleyball players. A clinic will also be held in the summer to prepare for test. Jerry appreciated everyone's help working with the new officials. Mentoring new officials is important in helping them improve. Bill Nunnally moved, Fran Addorisio seconded a motion to approve the Apprentice Chair Report. The motion passed.

Supervisor of Officials' Report—Bill Tirone

Bill reported that the season went fairly smoothly. If one point of emphasis needs to be stressed it is that we need to be consistent with application of rules. The use of the Arbiter by the NHIAA for tourney assignments was a "learning" process. Turn-backs were a problem because officials can't supply a reason why a match was turn-backed. Bill acknowledged Chet for helping out at the last minute with matches. Bill talked about receiving letters from athletic directors and coaches about officials. He told everyone that he would contact any official that he gets a letter on, reminding them not to shoot the messenger when he does this. Some concern about blocking dates between both the regular season and the tournament season were discussed. Dick Dumais explained how calendar blocking worked on the Arbiter. Remember to check which organizations are checked off when doing blocks. Calendar editing will only occur on the organizations checked off in the upper left hand of that screen. Matt Matsis moved, Janet Lovering seconded, a motion to approve the Supervisor of Officials' Report. The motion passed.

Rules Interpreter's Report—Rick Forge

Rick explained when tests are due. They must be postmarked 9/1 arrive by 9/5. If dues are not sent on time then an official will not be eligible to work a tournament match. Bill Tirone and Pahl Sharrow had perfect scores on this year's test. Rick reported that a number of issues came up during the season.

- Libero as speaking captain. This should be discussed during the pre-game.
- Padding on stands
- Active ankle braces (which are legal)
- Use of illegal balls
- Jewelry being worn by coach during warm-up (legal)
- Officials arriving at matches with a tobacco smell
- Line-up card use by referee (permitted)
- Reviewed umpire responsibilities including back-row issues along with informal signals that should be used by umpires.
- Discussed the lenient use of red and yellow cards.

There will be an on-court clinic next year. A coach will also attend the clinic to explain different offensive and defensive strategies. Bill Tirone moved, Matthew Matsis seconded a motion to accept the Rules Interpreter's Report. The motion passed.

Assignor's Report—Dick Dumais

Dick Dumais reviewed the assignment process using the Arbiter. Explained rating, geographic location and days blocked has a direct impact on the number of matches assigned. During the season:

- It is important that officials respond to every assignment and check their email on a daily basis.
- The best way to reach me is by email.
- The only way you should contact me during the day is on my cell phone 455-3149. **DO NOT CALL GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY AND YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ME VIA CELL PHONE.**
- Know the pay before you accept matches. Know the specific rules, especially for prep schools (NCAA).
- Still working out pay disputes with New Hampton.
- There were only two dates this year when we had a shortage of officials.

Bill Tirone moved, Larry Francouer seconded a motion to approve the assignor's report. The motion passed.

Old Business

Bill Nunnally questioned the quality of the shirts.

Election of Officers

Donna voted was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer

Dues for 2006

Dues for 2006 will be \$74. After January 1, 2006 a \$10 late fee will charged.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Dumais, NHVOA Assignor