

Minutes from the NHVOA business meeting on August 5, 2012

1. Treasurer's Report – Donna Martineau – handout was distributed with expenses and deposits, balance from 2011: \$3840.53, balance as of Aug. 5: \$2243.11 This is after the shirts are paid for. No questions were asked. Moved and seconded.
2. Rule Interpreter - Rick Forge – There are new protocols and procedures for this season. The online testing went well last year and we're continuing this year. There will be 100 questions, 78 from federation and 22 from NH adoption. A question was asked if the questions could be printed out like they did in softball so we can see all the questions and answer them before going online to do the test. It will be looked into and we'll find out how they did it. Please email any questions to Rick during the season so he can help out. Check our website often during the season for other questions and answers: www.nhvoa.net Rick will also post the NHIAA policy and the differences between that and Federation. Moved and seconded.
3. Supervisor of Officials – Phil Mollica – There was a problem with the scorer's table at both tournament sites, this will be fixed so the scorers aren't so spread out. It made it difficult to report subs, etc. If you encountered anything that you think the tournament committee should look into, please let Phil know. Sometimes we notice things that they don't. There were some correspondences about officials not being professional, especially with regards to demeanor. We need to be professional all the time, especially when watching a match and not discuss the officiating in public. Rick Forge will be available by cell phone during the tournament if anything comes up that you need a rules interp for. Don't forget that you need to notify Phil Mollica immediately after the match if you have to disqualify and coach or player. He needs to know the details of what happened so he can notify the NHIAA about the incident. Boys volleyball had some conduct issues this spring and he let everyone know that it won't be tolerated. A question was asked, Should there be a rules interp meeting in the spring for boys? There shouldn't be any rule changes from fall to spring and any changes in protocol would be emailed to everybody. Using line judges was brought up, NHIAA won't sanction them during the season or pay for them for the quarter finals. We still don't have enough officials to use them during the season. As far as the visiting team's scorer not sitting at the table, they don't have to but they have no say if there is a scoring problem. The home team book is the official book unless you need to make the visiting team's scorer the official book due to the home scorer not being competent (never done the book before, etc.) Talk to both scorers at every match to make sure they know what they are doing before the match begins and check the official book during timeouts to make sure. Preventative officiating helps catch problems before they get out of hand. New seating arrangement at the scorer's table: Timer, official scorer, visiting scorer. Phil also wants to know if you give a coach a red card and you feel that it could escalate and get worse. He will call the AD and discuss the situation and what happened. He said the schools want to know if there are any incidences. Moved and seconded.

4. Apprentice Chairman – Jerry McDougal – Jerry wanted to thank all the officials that have helped out the apprentices when they show up to do the JV matches as R2, and set 3 of a non-deciding match. It gives them the chance to do some matches which makes them more ready to work matches when they get on the board. Only 1 person came to take the test. We need more members, give them Jerry's info if you know anyone who might be interested.
Moved and seconded.
5. Assigner – Dick Dumais – All varsity assignments are done, he will be tweaking who is R1 and R2 so they are more balanced. He will be doing freshmen and middle school soon. There were no troubles filling the boys matches with officials. Official's ratings and location of matches were key to assigning. It was the worst season for sportsmanship in boys volleyball, they seem to have regressed. Coaches didn't seem to have the players under control. The NHIAA has added a rule that any coach or player that gets disqualified now has to take a sportsmanship class before being allowed back coaching or playing. Bill Nunnally said he feels that Dick is the best assigner, is polite to every member and should be commended. Dick received a round of applause!
Moved and seconded.
6. Old Business – none was brought forward
7. Elections – Vice President – No nominations were made from the floor, Tom Monson was nominated for re-election by the president, voting was unanimous.
8. New Business – Business meeting minutes will be posted on the website as soon as possible after the meeting. It was brought up that we are missing the last 2 years minutes, we are still trying to figure out where they went! It was brought up that members should be able to take the test twice in case they don't pass it the first time. Rick said that if you don't pass the test, you do get to take it again after Sept. 2nd. It was not an issue last year, everyone passed the test. Rick was commended on doing such a great job with the new shirts, they look very sharp! Dues for 2013 will remain at \$80.00, Donna doesn't see any reason to increase it, we have enough money to pay all our bills, as is evident by the treasurer's report. Being that watches are now part of the official's equipment, we will look into prices, etc. of watches for next season.

Motion was made to adjourn and it was seconded.