NHPCA February 18, 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Gerry Curran, Joe Laliberte, Kevin MacLean, Dave Lovely, David Mercier, Nancy Lesieur, Ray Vermette, Peter Goodwin

Guests: Mary Jane Meier

The Meeting was held at the Local Government Center in Concord and started at 9:15 a.m.

Comments on the January 20, 2011 Minutes: None.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted by the BOD.

Trade Fair 2011

In good shape.

Poster Contest

Last week ComCom met and narrowed total posters down to 7 for Grade 1-3 and 8 for Grades 4-6. Board voted on posters. First, second, and third place winners were chosen for each age group. Winners to be announced and honored at the Trade Fair.

2011 Budget

Nancy presented handout (attached) based on last year’s budget and actual revenue and expenses. She then asked for input on 2011 numbers. Discussion ensued that Association lost $3,000 last year. An increase in dues of $10/year would make that up. Motion to increase dues next year by $5 per person and the non-members difference to register for events should increase by $10 per person per event. Board voted unanimously to pass. Nancy will review draft budget work that she has done and will include 2007, 2008, and 2009. Gerry Curran will email all committee chairs and request 2011 requested budgets. The budget discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
**Newsletter**

Try to get out before events.

**Summer Outing**

Rick Seymour has resigned as committee chair and no one has stepped forward. Linda Gaudette had handled many of the tasks but she can no longer complete them while at work. Nancy will suggest that the committee expedite the annual pre-meeting. Rick and Linda will be asked by Gerry and Nancy to find suitable replacements. Dave Lovely volunteered to call and reserve Ellocoyay.

**POTY Award**

John Adie is handling and with these minutes he is reminded to initiate the process.

**2011 Legislative Breakfast**

Peter Goodwin is the liaison to the Government Affairs Committee led by Ned Beecher, Mike Trainque, and Shelagh Connolly. The Breakfast is April 20 at 7:30 a.m. It is very important, with the significant changes in membership in the House and Senate, that our membership contact their legislators to urge them to attend. Peter Goodwin will be getting the Excel contact list from Shelagh and will develop an approach for the BOD and all membership to make calls during the last week in March all the way up to April 20. Shelagh will be preparing a “script” for membership to use when contacting legislators. It may be best to send the list out in an email blast to all our members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities: Nancy L.**

No report

**Communications: Kristin N.**

Dave M. spoke on this. Dave has stepped down as chair. Geri C. has been voted in as new chair. Dave will stay on committee and continue doing eNews for the time being.
**Education: Kevin M.**

The BOD voted to approve Gregg Kidd’s request for reimbursable expense. Jack Healy from EPA has offered to provide an “Asset Management Course” but is asking for money. Kevin M. will find out why there is a cost. The training calendar was reported to be out and on the website.

**Legislative: John A.**

See 2011 Legislative Breakfast text earlier.

**Membership: Dave L.**

Dave Lovely will provide up-to-date numbers at next meeting.

**Safety: Gerry C.**

Gerry reported that the committee met in February. Minutes will be posted on the website. They are trying to hold a safety training class later in the spring.

**Scholarship: John A.**

No Report.

**Ops Challenge: Sean G.**

Sean and Paul are officially retiring. The Sewer Snakes are looking for 2 new members in order to compete.

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Mary Jane Meier addressed the Board requesting nominations for NHWPCA members to fill Certification Committee positions at DES. Nominees have to be certified operators. Certification Committee needs two nominations this year and two more next year. The NHWPCA Nominations Committee (3 past presidents) need to do this.

- Board voted to commit up to $300 to subsidize Gregg Kidd’s expenses for presenting as part of Education Committee program.

- Gerry reported on a March 7, 2011 Science Teachers conference to be held at SNHU. He will forward emails. This is an opportunity to get the Stockholm Junior Water Prize on the radar.
• Wild NH Day is set for Saturday April 30, 2011. We will need the booth and will be giving away 20 or so fishing kits. Kristin will purchase the fishing kits. Ray Gordon has asked to be involved. George Neal has been involved in the past, but may not be looking to help this year. We will need to identify members who can attend.

• Awards: Operations Challenge. Roger Jansen, President of NEWEA, to present award at Trade Fair.

Next meeting March 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Local Government Center in Concord.