

NHGCSEA B.O.D. Meeting Minutes

1/7/2024

Agenda:

- **Call to Order**

Matt F calls the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

- **Approval of November and December Meeting Minutes**

John G made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November and December as prepared. Matt F seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.

- **President's Report (Matt F)**

Lobbyist Update

Matt F informed the group that there was no new update from Demers and Prasol.

Scholarship Applications

1. Matt Bowens

ACTION ITEM:

On 12/23/2024 Matt F made a motion (via email) to approve Matt Bowens scholarship application and award Mr. Bowens a scholarship in the amount of \$3022 for the UMass Winter School for Turf Managers 2025. EJ C seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous email approval.

2. Noah Kilimonis

ACTION ITEM:

Dave O makes a motion to approve Mr. Kilimonis' scholarship application and award him a scholarship in the amount of \$3022 for the UMass Winter School for Turf Managers 2025. Pat L seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.

Dave O reminds the group that the deadline for scholarship application is 12/31 and that scholarships applications do not need to be approved and awarded upon receipt if received prior to the deadline.

Dave O also reminds the group that the scholarship reward does not guarantee full tuition to the Winter School. He points out that there may be a case where the Association receives more scholarships than the fund can support (at full tuition) in a given year. It is his suggestion that we receive all scholarships up to the deadline and consider applications for approval all at the first meeting in January.

In the following discussion it is suggested that a letter is drafted to send to applicants notifying them of receipt of their application and the determined time when applications will be considered for review.

Group agrees this is the best course of action going forward regarding scholarship applications.

· **Vice President's Report (EJ C)**

Golf Update

EJ C informed the group that he is still looking for host venues for both the Gold Ball and NH/ME Joint meeting.

Portsmouth CC has expressed some interest in hosting the Gold Ball.

Lake Winnepesaukee CC has also expressed interest and EJ is in discussions on what possible pricing would be at Lake Winnepesaukee.

EJ also informed the group he is in talks with Cocheco CC about potentially hosting the NH/ME Joint Meeting.

Nor' Easter Event

EJ asked the Board if they are willing to contribute the standard Chapter amount of \$500 to the Nor' Easter Event.

ACTION ITEM:

Cave O made a motion for the NHGCSA to contribute the sum of \$500 to the GCSAA Nor' Easter Event. EJ C seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.

· **Secretary Report (Pat L)**

New Members: Charlie Pence and Racheal Rozwadowski

ACTION ITEM:

Pat L made a motion to approve the new member applications of Charlie Pence and Racheal Rozwadowski. Matt F seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.

Education Committee Update

Pat informed the group that Dec 3 is all set with the Grappone Center as the date for 2025 Education Day.

John G asked what the final attendance number was for 2024.

Pat confirmed there were 111 attendees registered.

- **Treasurer's Report (Ben C)**

Ben informed the group the Vendor Program is open and asked everyone to follow up with Vendors they may see to get all signed up.

Ben informed the group all vendors have been contacted and informed it is time to re-register.

- **Newsletter Update (Connor)**

Connor was not available

Pat informed the group he has a draft for an Ed Day recap

Dave informs the group that there is a golf event recap article ready to publish.

Dave asked Brian to resend his article on Winter Injury to Harriett for publication.

Dave informed the group that an article archive has been created in Star Chapter and a multi-piece newsletter can be generated from the archive if needed to fulfill 501C 3 obligations.

- **New Business**

Dave O asked if anyone is running Rounds for Research. The group said no.

Dave O volunteers to run R4R and informed the group that R4R should be considered a priority for the Board Jan-March.

Dave O opened a discussion on committees.

He referred the group to a 2013 document listing all committees and their responsibilities.

Dave O said he would refine the document for current use.

Dave O referenced the recent failure to hold Board elections in November and reminded the group that the Association has an obligation to meet GCSAA requirements in the by-laws.

Discussion led to how to change procedures for elections to improve attendance and participation.

Ben C suggested using the upcoming Special Business Meeting as the model to improve the Annual Meeting. He points to offering a pesticide credit and a more centralized location as necessary to attract voting members.

Suggestion is made to offer speakers that would not qualify for credit but would offer membership something of value. (i.e. recruiters, and business topics).

Discussion remains open.

- **Motion to Adjourn**

John G made a motion to adjourn. Andy seconded. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.