

NHGCSA BOD Meeting Minutes

4/8/2025

Agenda:

Call to Order

Matt F calls the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

Pat asks the group if approval of the minutes can be tabled until next month when they are fully prepared. Group agrees to do so

President's Report (Matt)

- HB 291 Update
Matt updates the group on the status of HB 291 and that it proposes more lenient penalties for fertilizer misuse
Connor asks how it is planned that penalties will be enforced
Matt states he does not see any specific language on how they will be enforced and he will attempt to confirm how this will happen
- GCSAA Affiliation Report
Matt informs the group that our affiliation report was submitted and accepted
- Directors Binder
Matt asks the group if anyone has worked on ideas for updating the binder
No one offered any updates
- Member Survey
Matt informs the group we have received a membership survey template from GCSAA and will use that to create a NHGCSA specific survey
Matt states the Survey Team will continue to work on it
- Stem @ The Stadium
Matt reminds the group the STEM at the Stadium Events are approaching and that he is planning to participate in one or both of them
Pat volunteers to cover where needed
EJ states that we should post the event dates on the website so members can volunteer to participate
Matt informs the group that Pete Jacobsen has volunteered to participate

Vice President's Report (EJ C)

- NH/ME Joint Meeting
EJ informs the group we are all set to go at Cocheeco on 5/6
Cost will be \$75 per player

- Email blast will go out followed by registration
- Gold Ball
 - Bakker Hill is good to go
 - Harriet has info and will be building registration and preparing notification
 - EJ informs the group to start drumming up sponsorship support as there are currently no sponsors lined up
- Syngenta App Discussion
 - EJ asks the group if they think it is appropriate for Melissa to write up a blurb to be sent to the membership about the new Syngenta app
 - Ben states that it is a free app and we should allow as vendor exposure as Syngenta is a Gold Level sponsor
 - EJ says it is a good way to get content out and satisfy obligations to vendor sponsors
 - The group agrees it will be a good idea
 - EJ will coordinate to get the blurb posted

Secretary Report (Pat L)

- New Members
 - Pat informs the group we have a new member application for Logan Karsten
 - Ben informs the group that Logan will be an associate/complimentary member through a vendor sponsorship
 - This was part of a previous discussion raised when the revamped vendor sponsor program was being created
 - Group has open discussion on how this will work
 - EJ asks if this will be limited to one time only per person or should we have any say in how vendors use their memberships
 - Ben suggests instead of making it one time we use the vendors to encourage and help get sponsored members to full membership
 - Group agrees to use Logan's membership as experiment and see how it plays out with the intent of tweaking the program after the year
 - ACTION ITEM**
 - EJ makes a motion to accept Logan Karsten as a vendor sponsored member of Hart Seed with no stipulation so that the Board can assess this program after one year. Ben seconds the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval.**
- Education Committee Report
 - No new report

Secretary Report (Ben C)

- P&L Statement
 - Ben refers the group to the P&L statement and informs them everything is in order
 - Ben informs the group that the Jim Hillier Scholarship is being set up and Nancy Hillier has put \$10,000 in a CD to be used as scholarship payments
 - Ben informs the group one scholarship will be awarded per year until the fund is exhausted

- New Member Welcome Email Packet

Ben raises the question to the group regarding the welcome email new members receive

he inquires if anyone is aware of the contents and do we need to look at it to review and revise

EJ asks is it just simply an email with username and login information for new members to access Star Chapter

Matt T confirms that it is just username and password information

Newsletter Update (Connor C)

- Continuation of new member notification

The conversation on new member notification turned to using the newsletter to notify membership of any new members

The group agrees to utilize the newsletter to send blasts monthly to recognize and notify membership when a new member is accepted.

Past President Report (Dave O)

Dave was not available

New Business

- Small Meetings

Matt T outlines small group meetings he has scheduled

Matt T informs the group he plans to distribute a list of these events “in his travels”

Matt says the goal is to keep these events local and grassroots

- New Restrictions

Pat refers to a conversation he had with Dave in regards to new restrictions and the EPA requiring proof of regular checking of the Endangered Species Act database

Ben concurs that these concerns are something we need to look into and disseminate the info to the membership

Discussion persists on how to do so with no action being taken

Motion to Adjourn

EJ made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconds the motion. The motion is approved with unanimous approval.