



NHANRS

New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 17, 2023

Via Zoom

Call to Order 4:14 PM:

Present: President: Collis Adams (CA); Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Treasurer: Luke Powell (LP); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)

Absent: Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS)

Agenda Additions/Revisions:

Approval of Minutes:

KP made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. EO seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Treasurer:

LP noted that the tax filing date was approaching. LP stated that, with the most recent invoice from Bernstein-Shur, that we have exceeded our yearly budget of \$6,000 for lobbying. CA brought forth the proposal of a \$1,000 per month contract amendment for the remainder of the year. LP made the motion to approve the contract amendment. EO seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

CA brought forth Gary Fullerton for Active-Regular membership. LP made the motion to approve the membership application. KP seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

CA described a newspaper article he was drafting with Tracy Tarr and requested input regarding his concerns that this article would be viewed negatively in the public forum. KP suggested an approach of detailing NHANRS' position on why certification repeal would be a bad idea. There was additional discussion on the topic.

EO stated that an email was received from the Hampton Conservation Commission requesting their NRI be advertised on website. EO inquired about the practice of completing this request and the other Board members indicated that this was acceptable. DB stated that SL had submitted a membership dues reminder letter for review and that it would go out after her review.

Legislative:

KP stated that HB2 has passed as amended, with the certification repeals section removed, and is now headed to the Senate. There will still be a lot of work to be done with the House ED&A Committee in the Board review process. HB655 regarding reciprocity is being monitored for any future action that may be needed. Other legislation being monitored are penalties for unlicensed practice of a profession, Buffers around wetlands, and the uplands bill.

Education:

BM stated that the Erosion Control Workshop on March 24th went well with 34 attendees, with a split of approximately half attending virtually versus in-person. There are still a couple of technical issues to be worked out as there were issues with the sound quality for virtual participants. BM stated that he has acquired a device to eliminate the interference from a wireless microphone. BM also noted that RS had spoken with Karen Palleschi, who proposed that a second laptop would resolve the issues being experienced. LP made the motion to allow BM to acquire a second laptop at an amount not to exceed \$500. KP seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BM reported that the next items on the calendar for the Education Committee are the Wetlands habitats and Birds tour with Matthew Tarr on June 30th, the Stream Workshop with Sean Sweeney on July 13th & 14th, and the Summer Meeting in August. The date for the Summer Meeting was originally August 4th, but Mike Marchand would not be available and suggested the 11th. BM noted that he would not be available on the 11th as he would be out of the country. BM stated that there should be a Soils Discipline Meeting/Quarterly Meeting in the near future, but plans have not developed for this yet. LP suggested posting "Save the Date" soon and getting the registration communications out early to facilitate the process. Discussion continued on this topic with the Board in agreement that getting the communications prepared and submitted early is imperative.

Administrative Assistant Report:

BM revisited the topic of replacing the current landline with a cellphone. CA stated that we should proceed with accomplishing this switch.

Old Business:

New Business:

For the Good of the Association:

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott